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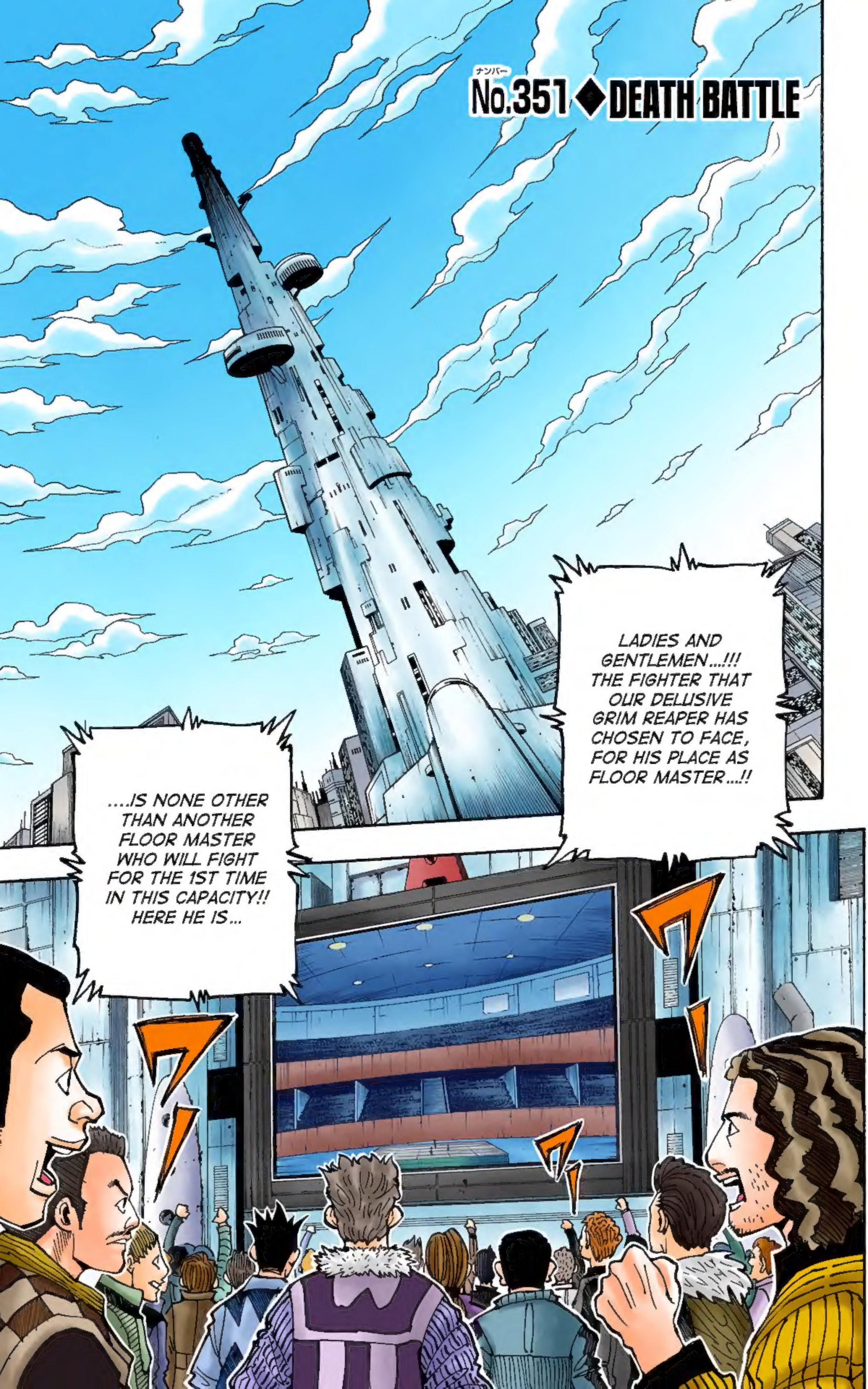
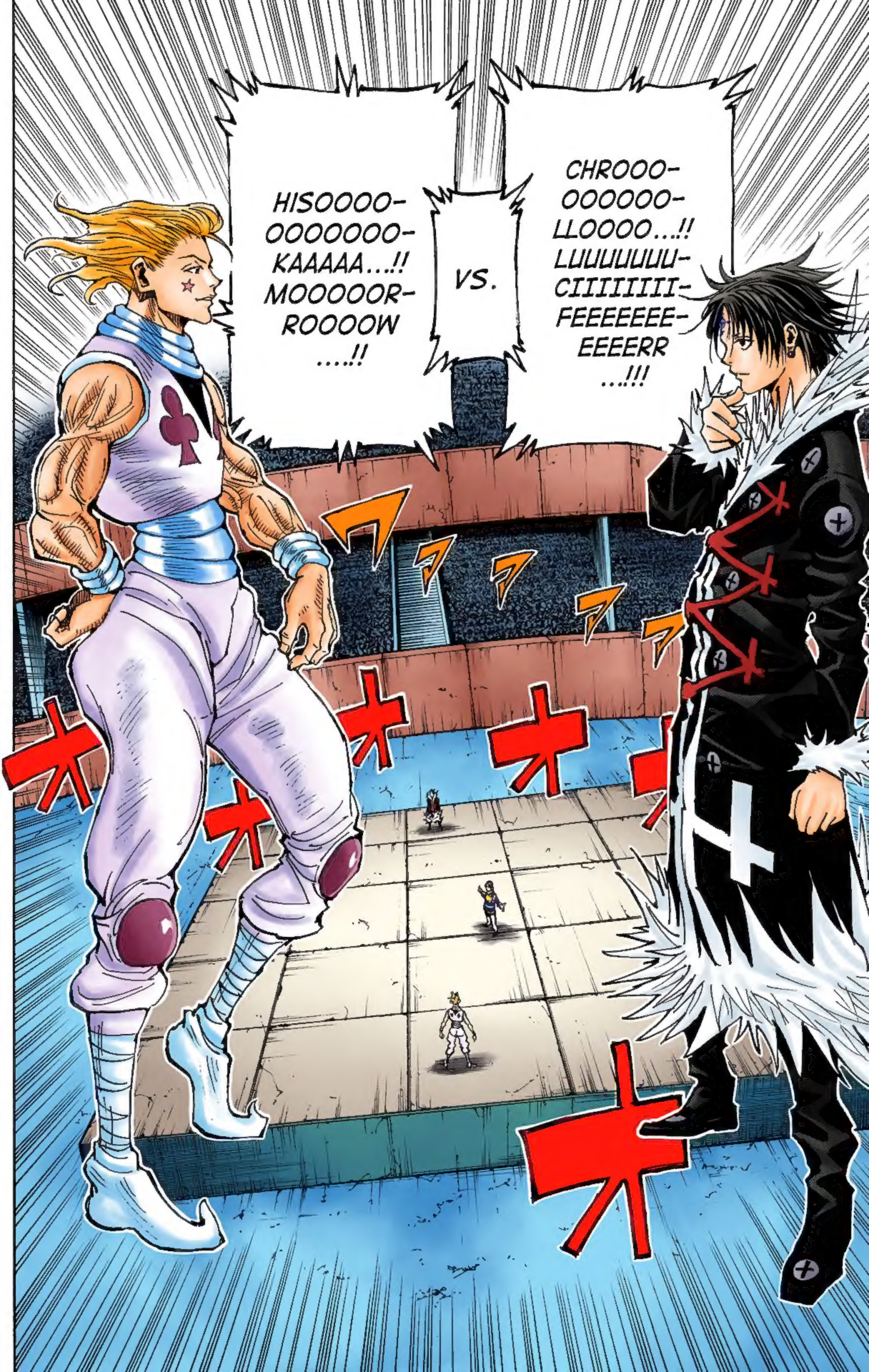

No.351 ◆ DEATH BATTLE
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...!!! THE FIGHTER THAT OUR DELUSIVE GRIM REAPER HAS CHOSEN TO FACE, FOR HIS PLACE AS FLOOR MASTER...!!
....IS NONE OTHER THAN ANOTHER FLOOR MASTER WHO WILL FIGHT FOR THE 1ST TIME IN THIS CAPACITY!! HERE HE IS...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FINALLY ...
MY DREAM IS COMING TRUE. ♥
BEING CHASED AROUND HAS BECOME TIRESOME.
INDEED.
THAT GOES FOR US BOTH.
I'VE WAITED SO LONG FOR THIS THAT I WON'T BE CONTENT WITH JUST A SIMPLE FIGHT FOR FUN. ♣

THEN LET'S MAKE IT A BATTLE TO THE DEATH.

OKAY. ♥

THEREFORE ONLY ONE SURVIVOR WILL REMAIN!! THE VICTORY OF ONE WILL ONLY BE THROUGH THE DEATH OF HIS OPPONENT.....!!

HOW..... UNBELIEVABLE!! THE FLOOR MASTER CHROLLO HAS JUST PROPOSED A FIGHT TO THE DEATH!! AND HISOKA ACCEPTED!! THIS WILL BE A DEATH BATTLE!!

IN THE NAME OF YOUR HONOR AND PRIDE...
THE USE OF WEAPONS IS ALLOWED.
...FIGHT !!
LET'S ...

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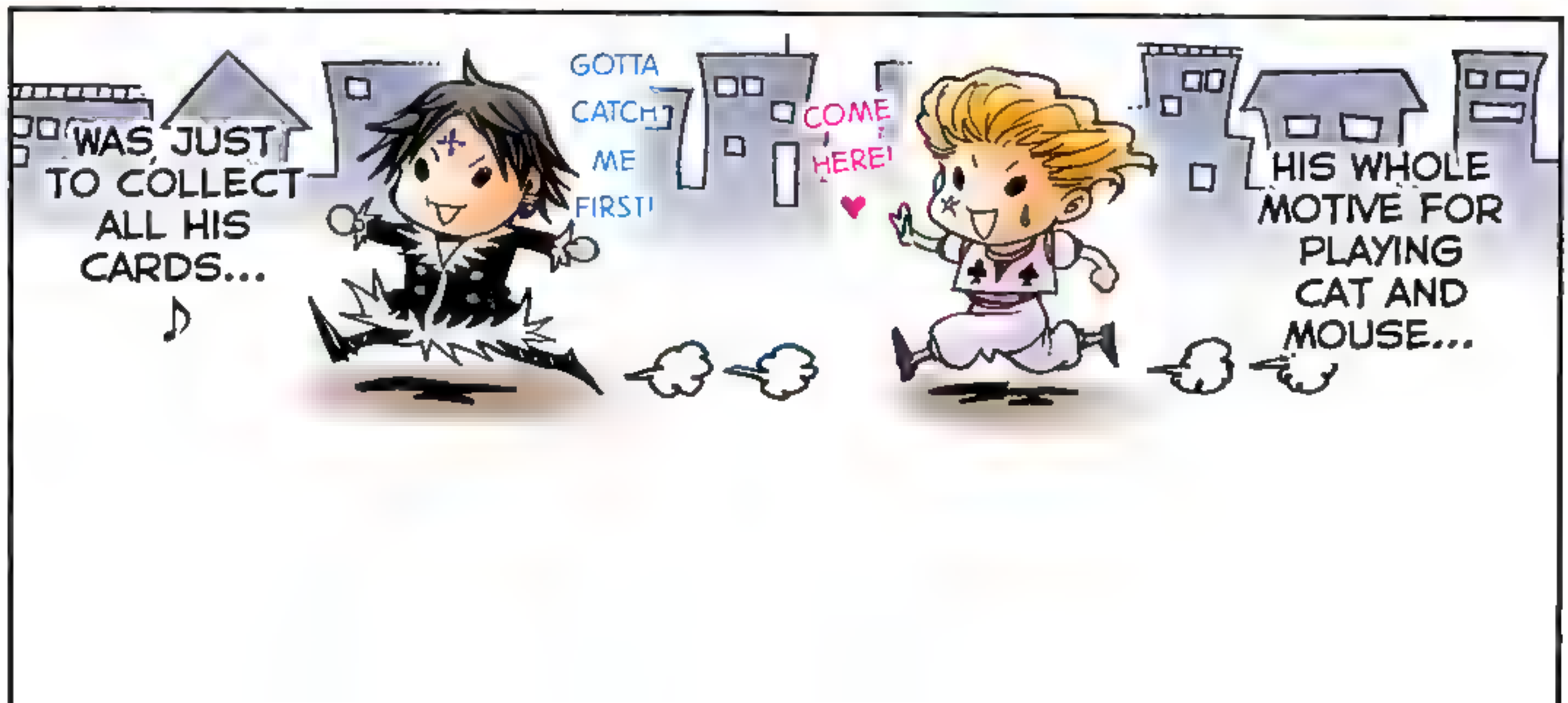
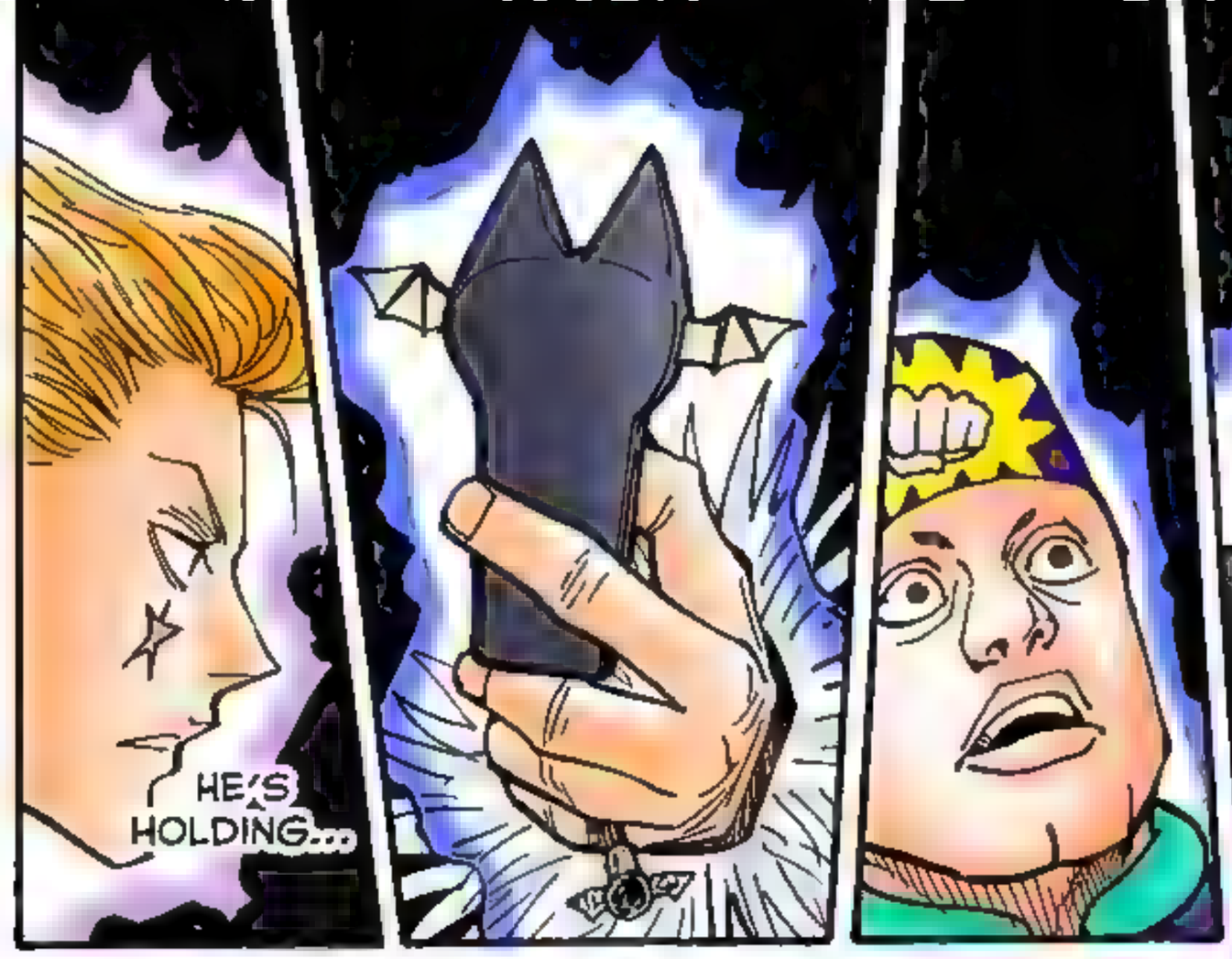
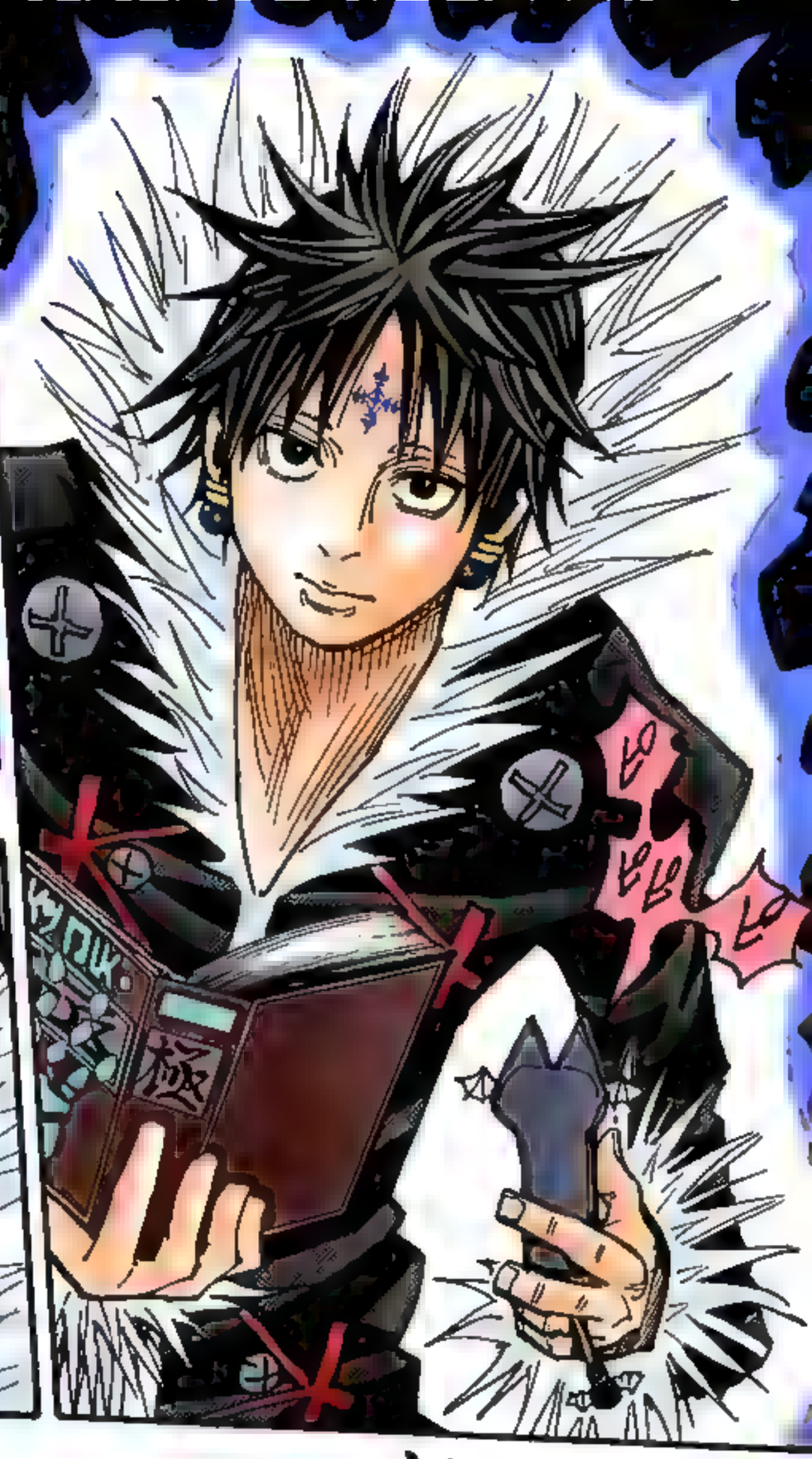
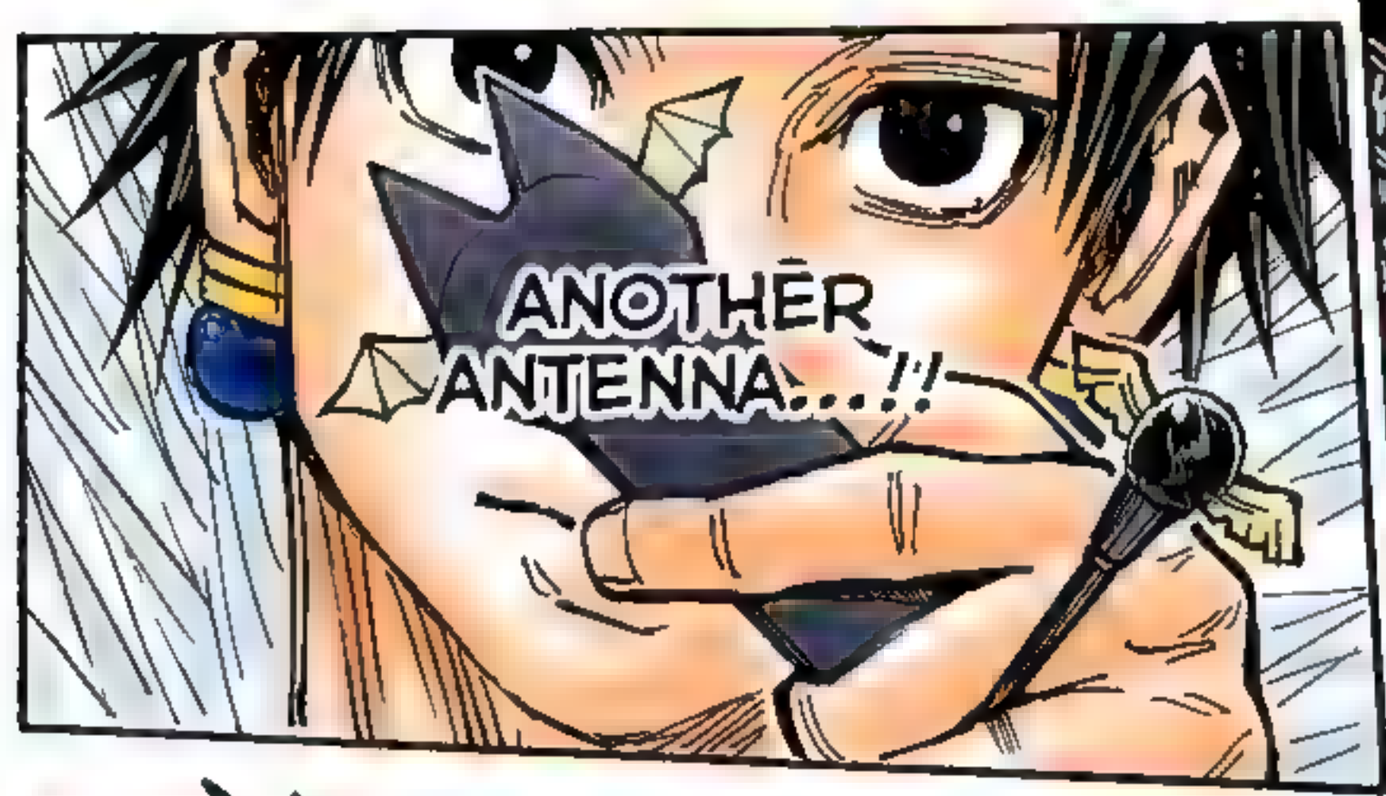
...I SEE...◆

"BLACK VOICE: MOBILE FATE DIRECTOR"









THE REFEREE ?!

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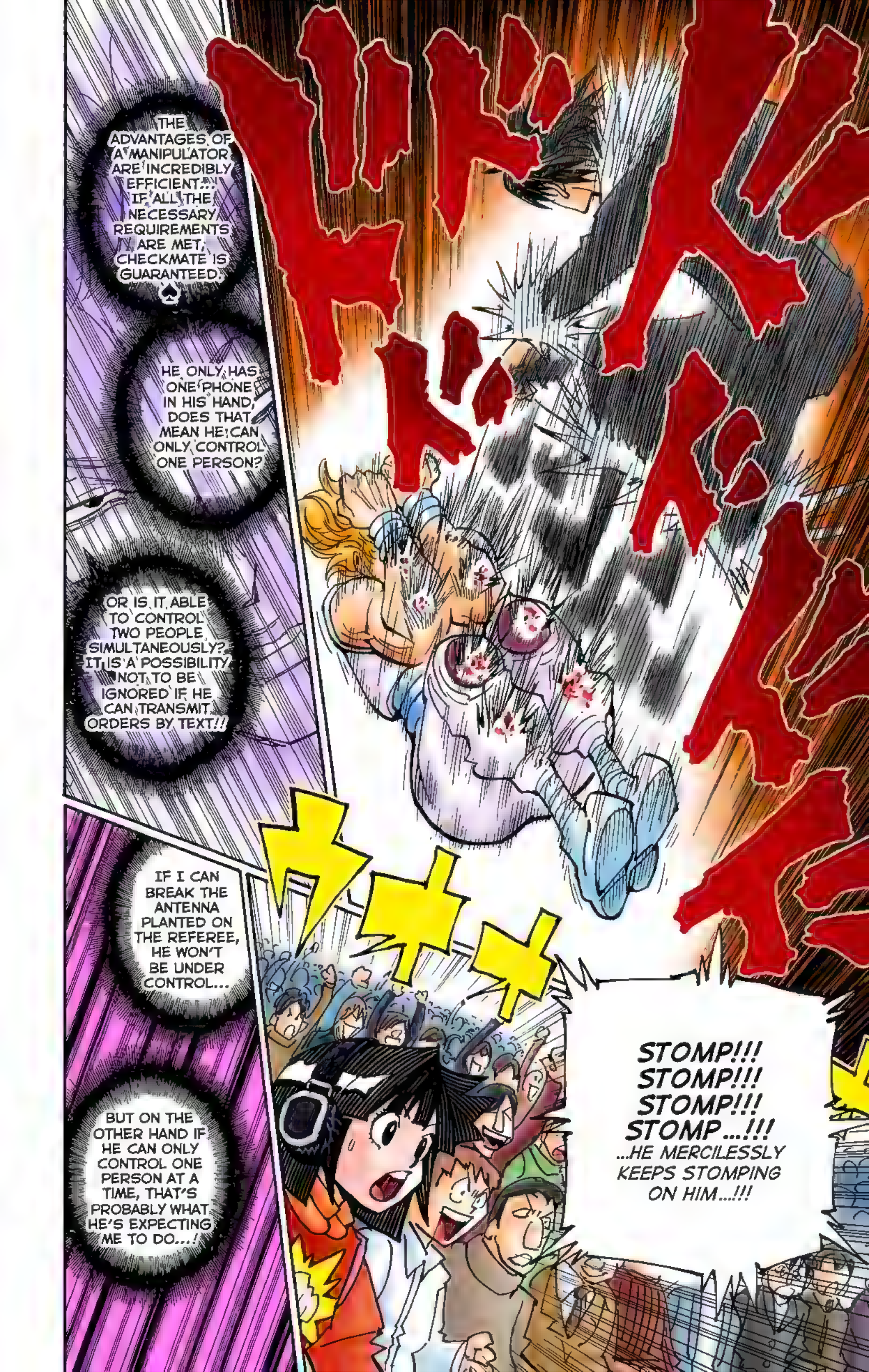
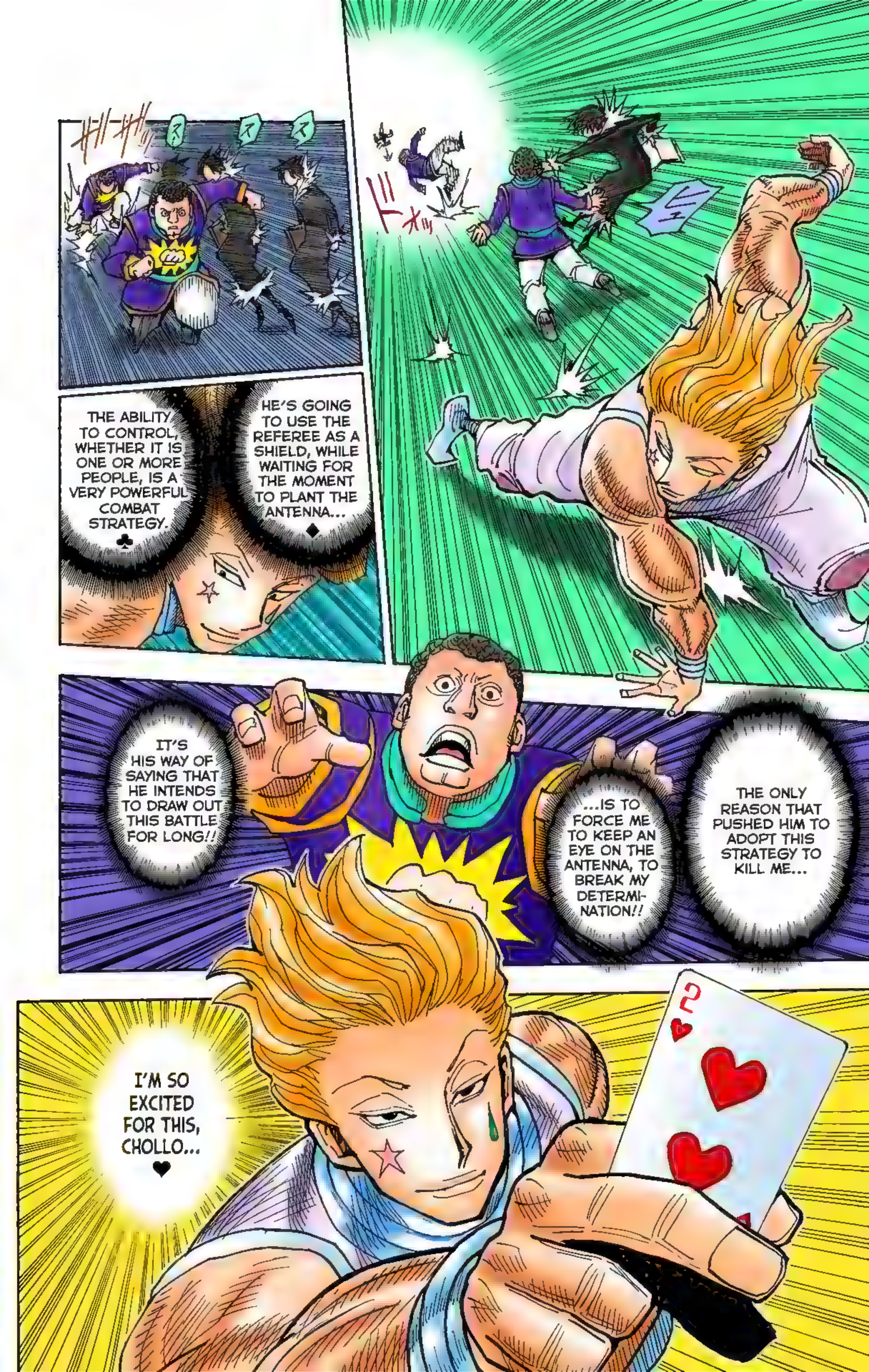
IT SEEMS HE'S NOW WITH CHROLLO TO FIGHT HISOKA...!?

HE'S USING THE REFEREE TO LIMIT MY MOVEMENTS...
SO HE CAN STAB THE ANTENNA ON ME...!
HE'S COMING FOR IT!
MY LEG...
DAMN, IT WAS A FEINT ...!!


THE ADVANTAGES OF A MANIPULATOR ARE INCREDIBLY EFFICIENT... IF ALL THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, CHECKMATE IS GUARANTEED.
HE ONLY HAS ONE PHONE IN HIS HAND, DOES THAT MEAN HE CAN ONLY CONTROL ONE PERSON?
OR IS IT ABLE TO CONTROL TWO PEOPLE SIMULTANEOUSLY? IT IS A POSSIBILITY NOT TO BE IGNORED IF HE CAN TRANSMIT ORDERS BY TEXT!!
IF I CAN BREAK THE ANTENNA PLANTED ON THE REFEREE, HE WON'T BE UNDER CONTROL...
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND IF HE CAN ONLY CONTROL ONE PERSON AT A TIME, THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT HE'S EXPECTING ME TO DO...!
STOMP!!! STOMP!!! STOMP!!! STOMP...!!!
...HE MERCILESSLY KEEPS STOMPING ON HIM...!!!

"BUNGEE GUM"!!

MAX SPEED CONTRACT!!


THE ABILITY TO CONTROL, WHETHER IT IS ONE OR MORE PEOPLE, IS A VERY POWERFUL COMBAT STRATEGY. ♣
HE'S GOING TO USE THE REFEREE AS A SHIELD, WHILE WAITING FOR THE MOMENT TO PLANT THE ANTENNA... ♦
IT'S HIS WAY OF SAYING THAT HE INTENDS TO DRAW OUT THIS BATTLE FOR LONG!!
...IS TO FORCE ME TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE ANTENNA, TO BREAK MY DETERMI-NATION!!
THE ONLY REASON THAT PUSHED HIM TO ADOPT THIS STRATEGY TO KILL ME...
I'M SO EXCITED FOR THIS, CHOLLO... ♥

REALLY GOOD... ♥

YOU MAKE ME FEEL...

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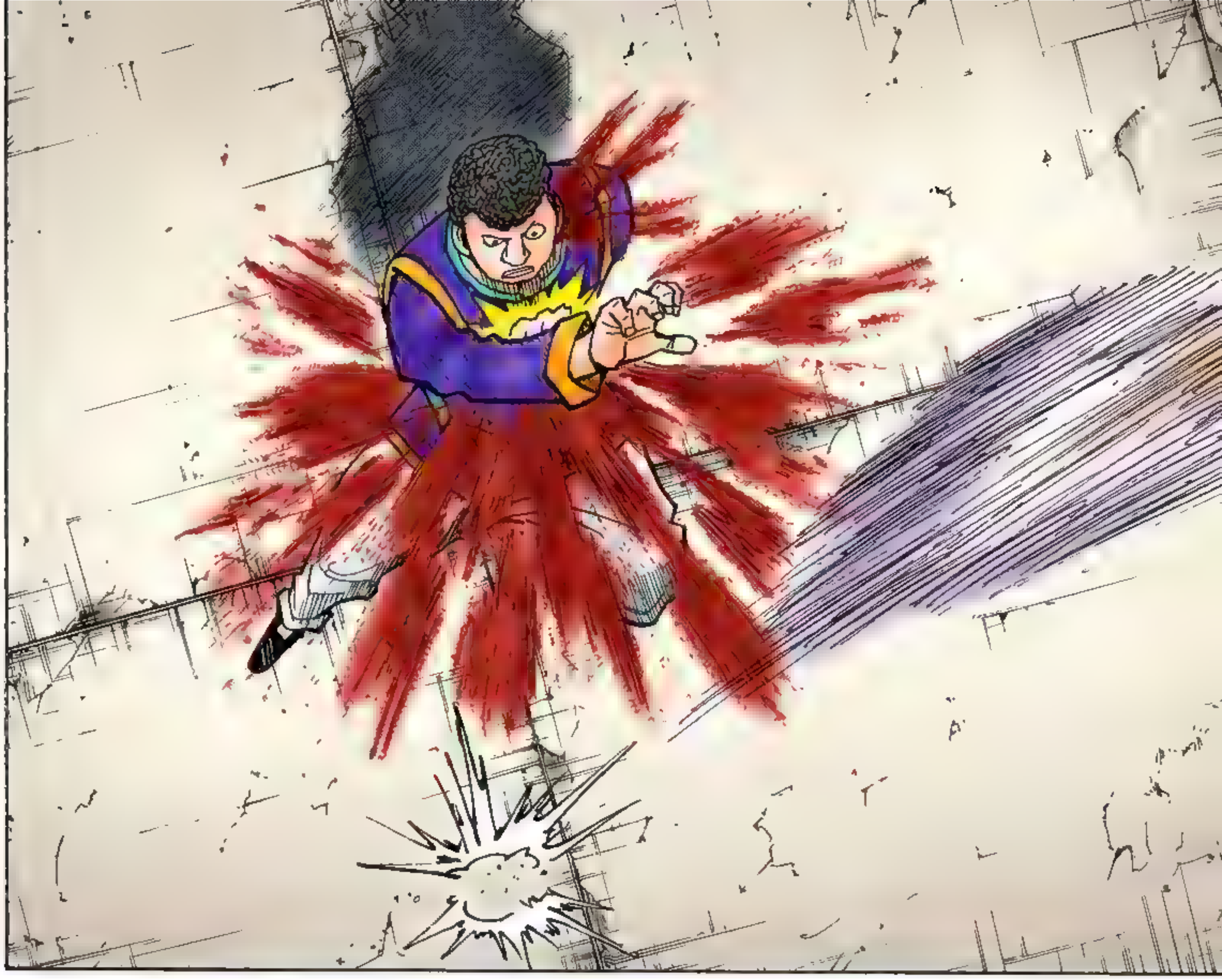
BUNGEE!!

A BLAST...? IS THERE SOMETHING IN HIS BLOOD?!



THE BOOK ...

IT'S NOT WITH HIM...!

"SUN AND MOON: PAIRED DESTRUC-TION"

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NO WAY?!

IS HE DEAD ...?

AS YOU CAN SEE THIS ABILITY REQUIRES ME TO USE BOTH HANDS.

WITH MY LEFT HAND, I HAVE THE MARK OF THE SUN AND WITH MY RIGHT HAND I HAVE THE MARK OF THE MOON.

IT ONLY TAKES A BRIEF MOMENT TO ATTACH THE MARKS, BUT FOR THEM TO TAKE EFFECT, THE TARGET MUST KEEP THEM IN CONTACT FOR 3 TO 5 SECONDS.

WHEN THE TWO SEALS TOUCH, THEY EXPLODE... I HAD THE MARKS ATTACHED ON THE REFEREE'S LEFT HAND AND ON HIS BACK.

BUT AN EXPLOSION AT FULL POWER WOULD TEAR APART ALL THE PEOPLE INTO PIECES.

AFTER THE MARKS TOUCH FOR A MOMENT, YOU GET A BLAST LIKE YOU JUST SAW...

THIS IS WHERE I ACQUIRED THIS ABILITY.

IN METEOR CITY...

YOU THINK THAT I'M GONNA GIVE UP EASILY?

OR...

YOU'RE GOING EASY ON ME?

YOU'RE SO KIND. ◆

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I'LL PLAY WITH MY HANDS FACE UP.

I WON'T TAKE ANOTHER DRAW STEP.

WELL... THAT'S KIND OF A TURN OFF. ♠

WHAT, YOU IMPLY THAT YOU ARE NOT NECESSARILY SEEKING VICTORY?

I WOULD EVEN SAY THAT MATTERS EVEN MORE THAN VICTORY OR DEFEAT.

AFTER ALL, THIS IS NOT AN ORDINARY BATTLE TO THE DEATH, STYLE IS VERY IMPORTANT, RIGHT?

BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?

OF COURSE, I INTEND TO WIN.

"DOUBLE FACE: BOOKMARK THEME"
CAREFULLY RECONSIDER BEFORE YOU ATTACK NOW AFTER SEEING MY HANDS...
AS YOU'VE JUST SEEN, THIS BOOKMARK ALLOWS ME TO USE ANY CAPACITY OF ANY ABILITY THAT IS ON THE PAGE WHERE IT IS PLACED, EVEN IF THE BOOK IS CLOSED.
PLUS, THAT DOES NOT PREVENT ME FROM USING ANOTHER ABILITY WHICH WOULD BE ON ANOTHER OPEN PAGE OF THE BOOK.
A BATTLE IS A DANCE...! WE MUST BE IN SYNC AT ALL TIMES TO THE RHYTHM... ♪
DO WHATEVER IT TAKES FOR THIS BATTLE TO GO WELL. ♥

THE BOOKMARK COMES WITH THE BOOK, IT IS NOT AN ABILITY THAT I STOLE SINCE IT'S MY OWN.

WELL, WHILE WE'RE AT IT, IF YOU ADD THE BOOK AS WELL, THAT'S QUADRUPLE.

BY THE WAY, THERE IS ONLY ONE BOOKMARK.

THIS ABILITY JUST MEANS "TWO STOLEN ABILITIES CAN BE USED AT THE SAME TIME".

BETWEEN THE "BOOKMARK ABILITY", THE "BOOKMARKED PAGE ABILITY", AND THE"OPEN BOOK ABILITY" ...

THERE'S AN ISSUE WITH WHAT YOU SAID, IF I MAY NITPICK?

TO ME THAT MAKES IT TRIPLE AND NOT DOUBLE?

INITIALLY, THE GOAL OF THIS BOOKMARK WAS SIMPLY TO BE ABLE TO USE THE BOOK BY NOT HOLDING IT.

BUT BEING ABLE TO USE TWO CAPACITIES AS A COMBO IN AN INSTANT, IS VERY POWERFUL...

BUT NOW I HAVE A NEW AND VERY UNFORTUNATE CONSTRAINTS ON THE USE OF MY POWER.

HOWEVER, HAVING MY HANDS FREE HAS INCREASED MY COMBAT SKILLS, WHILE GIVING ME THE FREEDOM TO USE THE BOOK.

BUT SINCE I HAPPENED TO STEAL ABILITIES THAT REQUIRED THE USE OF BOTH HANDS, I HAD TO MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS TO BE ABLE TO USE THEM.

TO BE ABLE TO USE MY "SKILL HUNTER", I HAD TO HOLD THE BOOK OPEN WITH MY RIGHT HAND...

BASED ON THIS, THERE ARE 3 MORE...

...ABILITIES THAT I WILL DEMONSTRATE.

SO I CAN USE AN ABILITY WHILE KEEPING MY HANDS FREE.

ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL?

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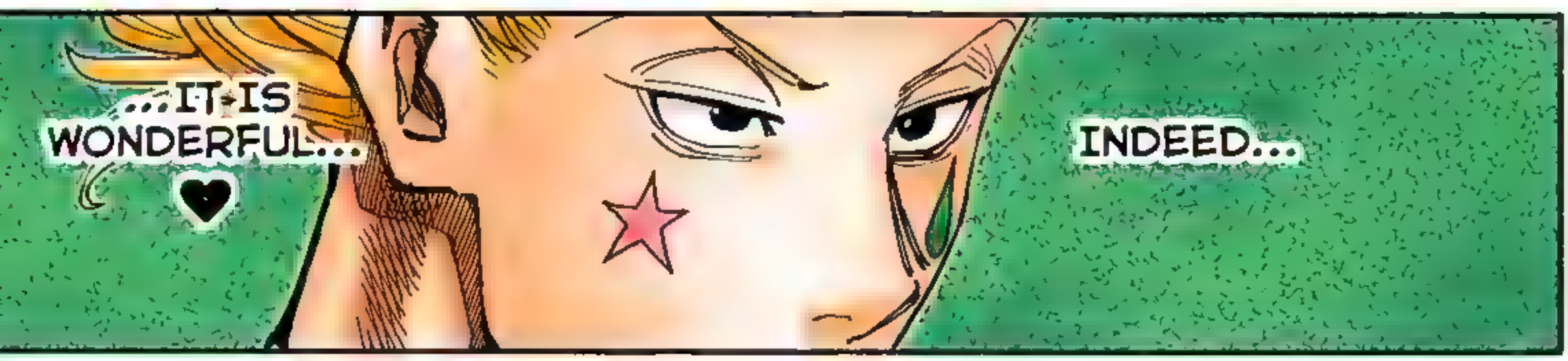
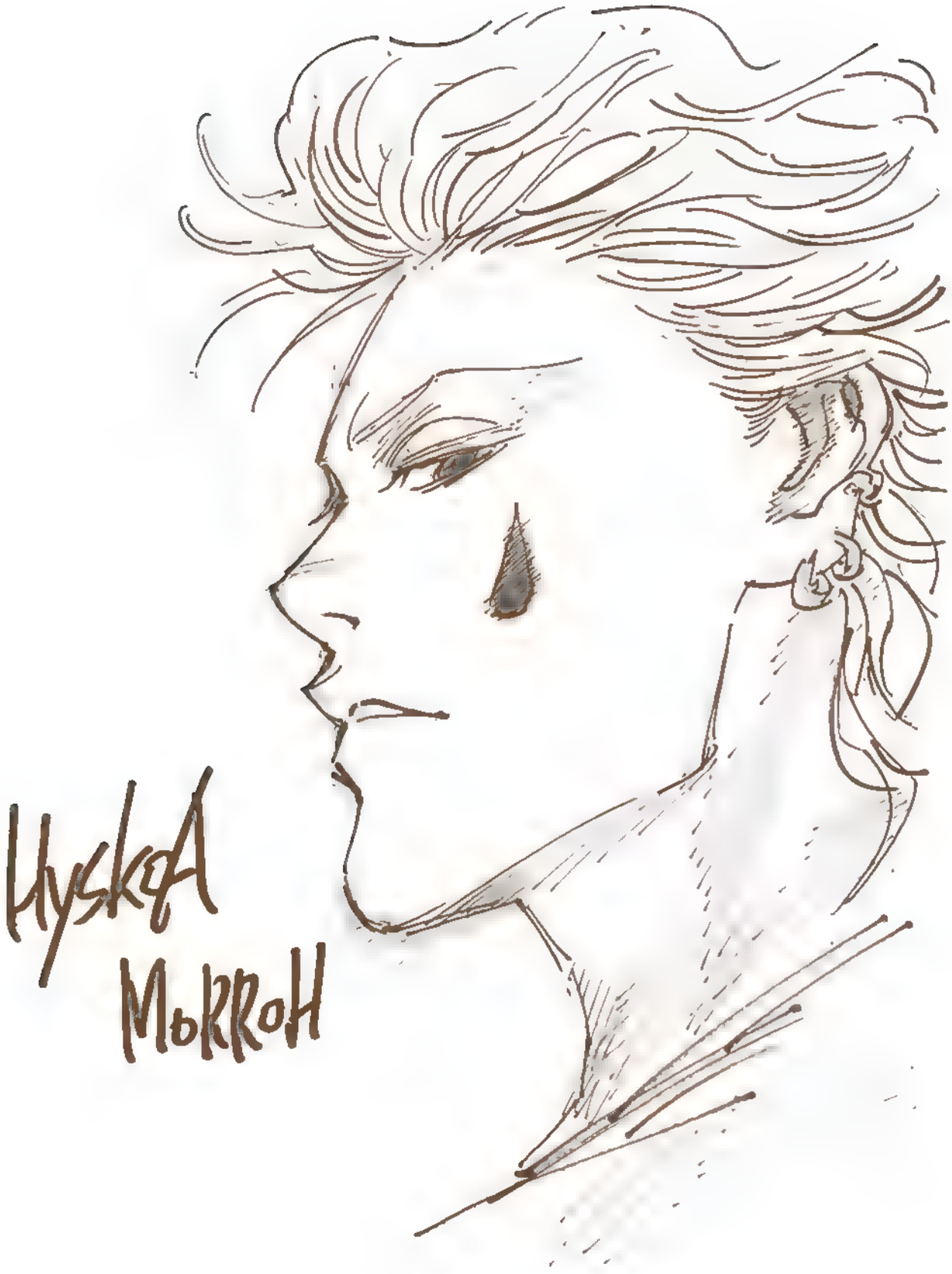


TAKE IT AS A COMPLIMENT.

YOU WILL NOW SEE THE MAXIMUM RECORD OF ABILITIES THAT I WOULD USE TO KILL SOMEONE.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...EACH HAVE THEIR STRENGTHS AND WEAK-NESSES.
ALL ABILITIES...
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No.352◆TROUBLESOME

I CAN ALSO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ABILITIES AT MY DISPOSAL.

IN ADDITION TO ALL THAT...

BY CAREFULLY CHOOSING THE OPPONENT AND PLACE OF CONFRONTATION, OR WHILE OPTING TO FIGHT IN A TEAM.

FOR EXAMPLE, TO CONCEAL AS MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR ABILITY...

IT'S UP TO THE USER TO COMPENSATE FOR ITS CREATIVE DRAWBACKS.

JUST YOU WAIT...!

MEANING I HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE CONDITIONS TO BE MET TO ACHIEVE VICTORY...

...LET'S GET BACK TO THE TOPIC OF ABILITIES.

"ORDER STAMP: PROOF OF HUMANITY"

WHAT I ENJOY THE MOST OUT OF PEOPLE IS WHEN THEY CRUMBLE ON THEIR KNEES...

THE MOMENT I LOOK DOWN ON THE EXPRESSION ON THEIR FACE AND THINK "HOW CAN THIS BE..." ♥

THAT'S A PRETTY STANDARD APPROACH. ♣

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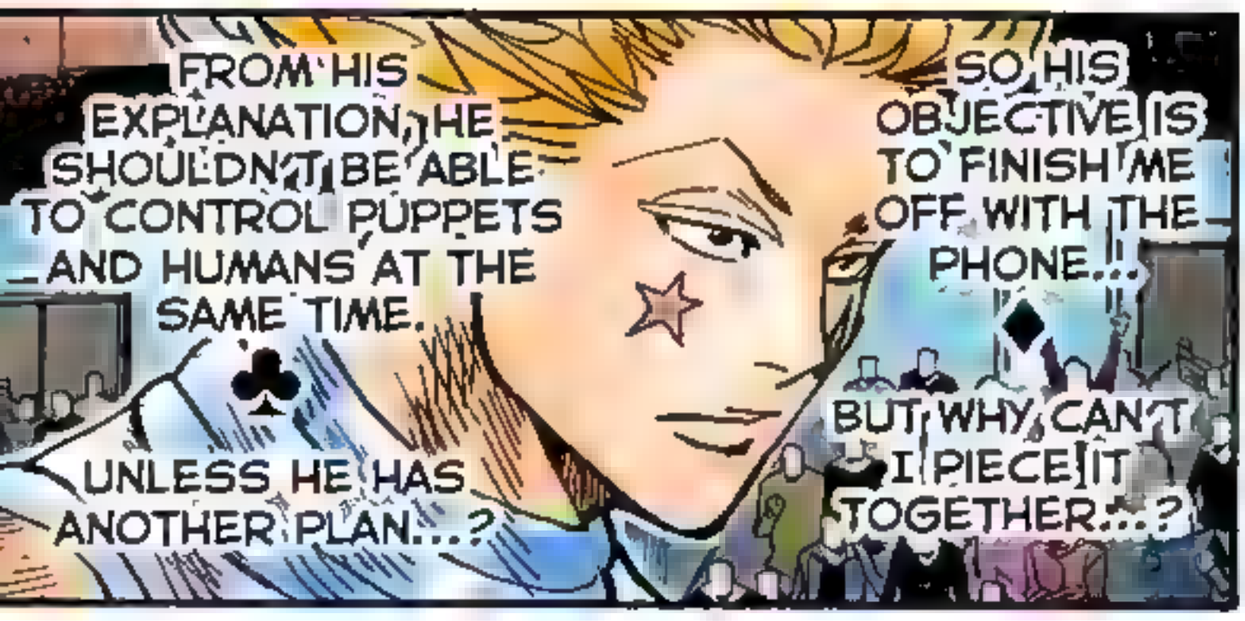
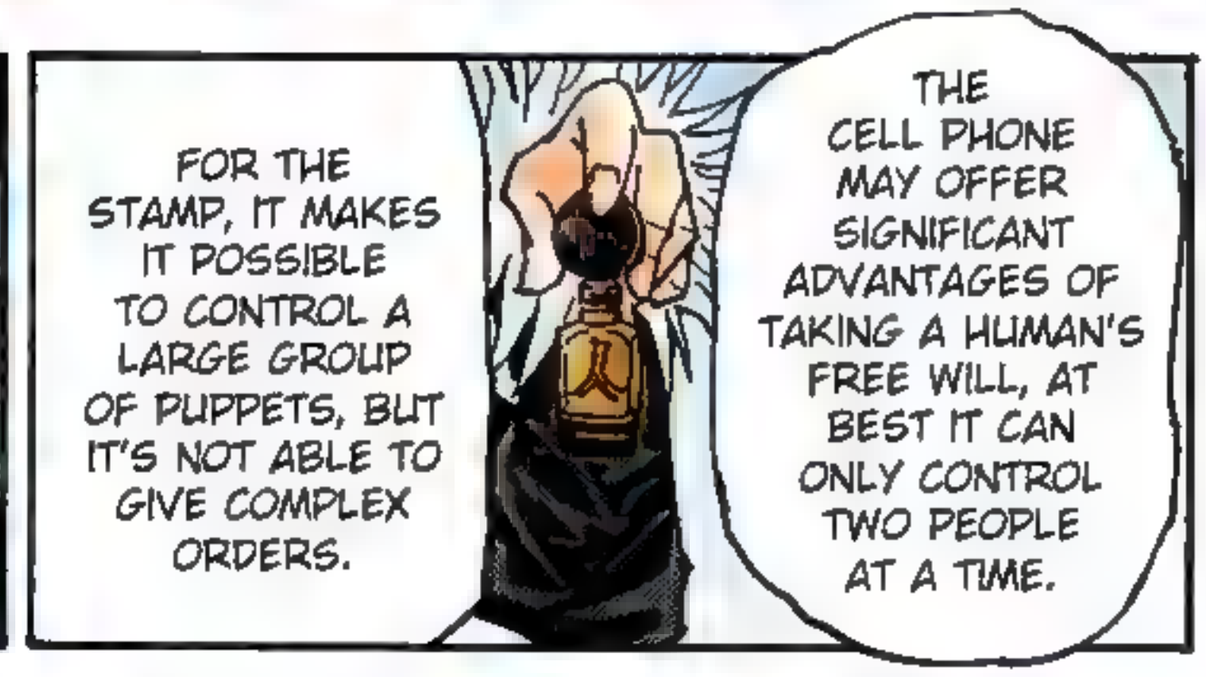
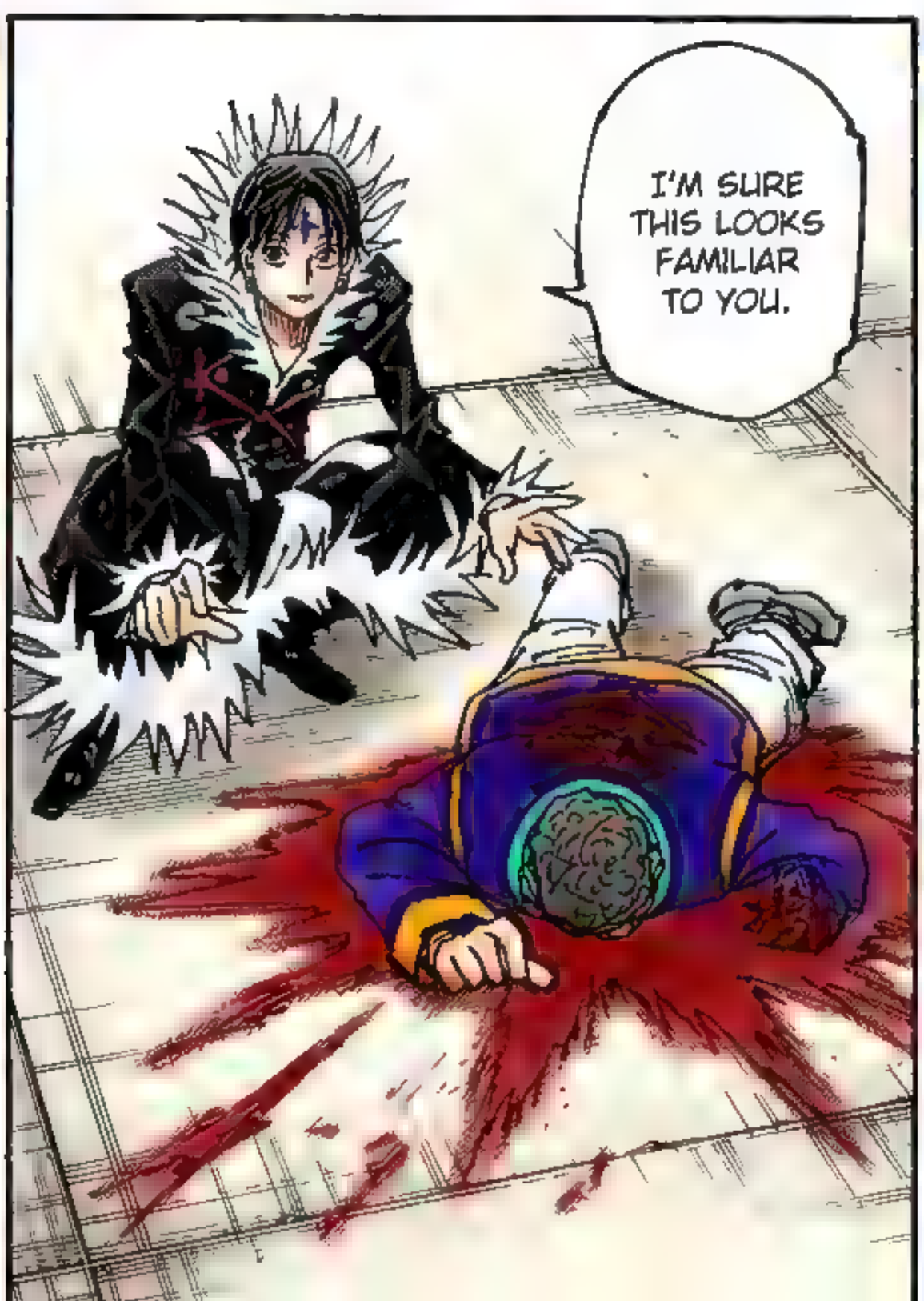
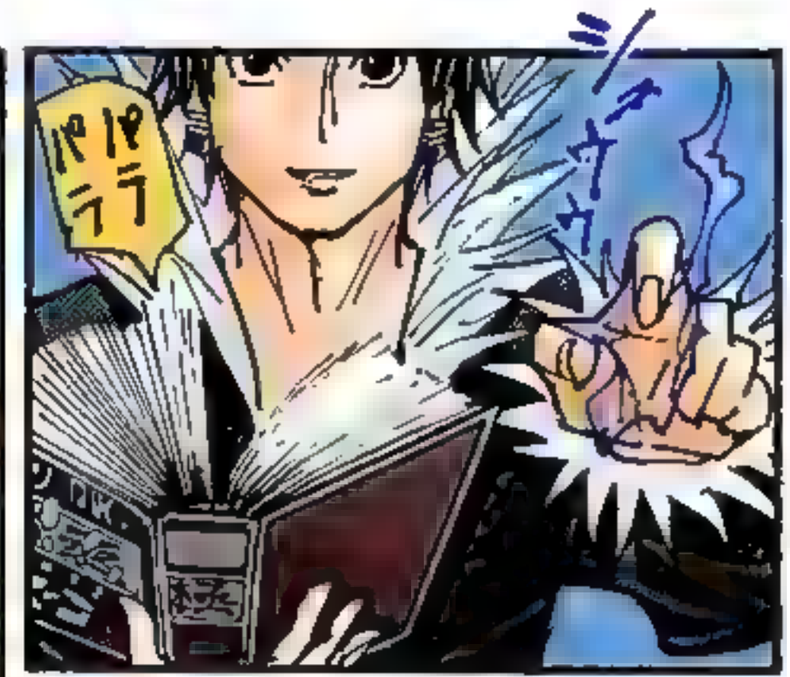
ON THE OTHER HAND, THIS ABILITY ALSO OPERATES ON PUPPETS.

SHALNARK'S "BLACK VOICE" HAS THE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE HUMANS.

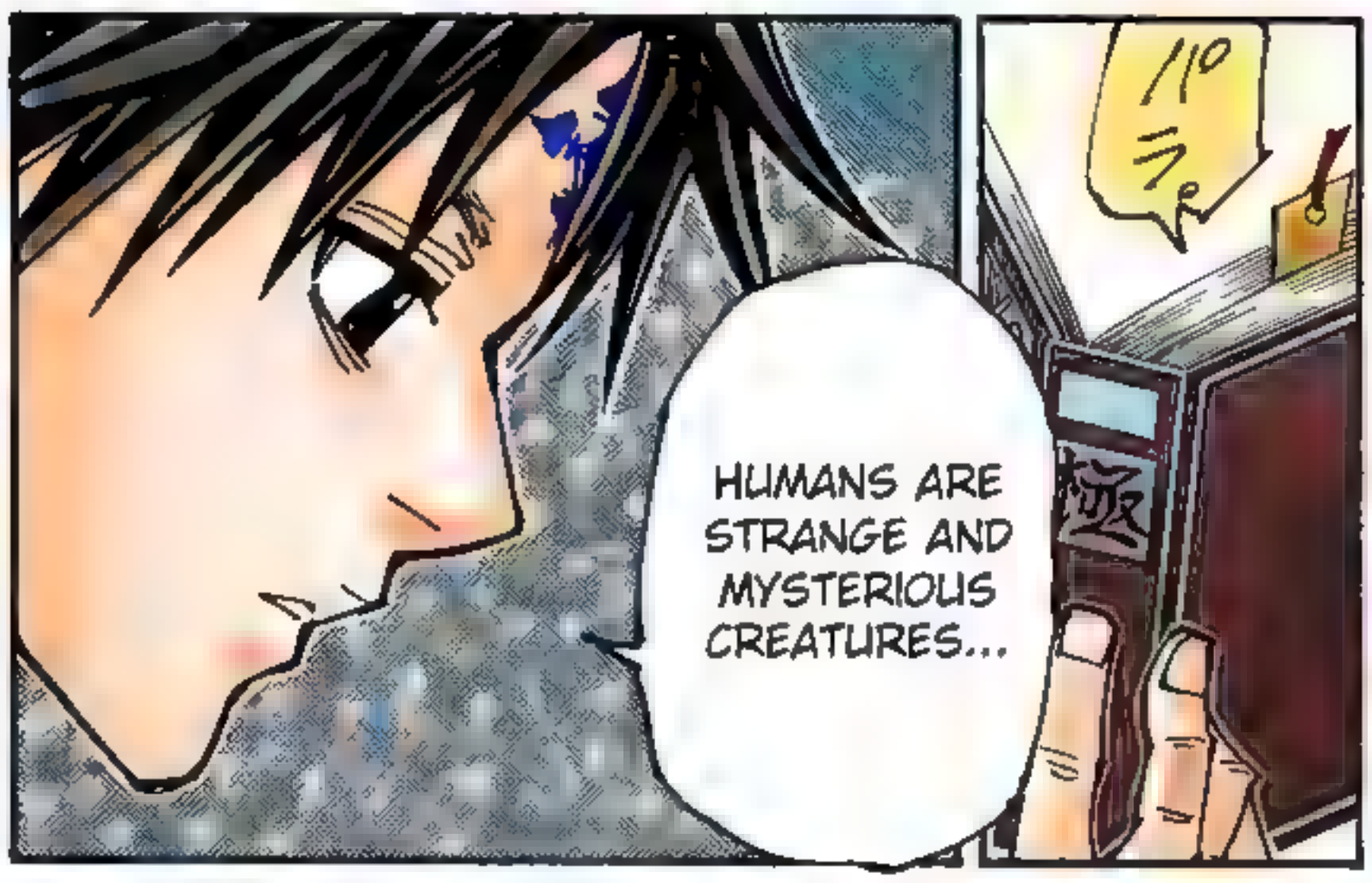


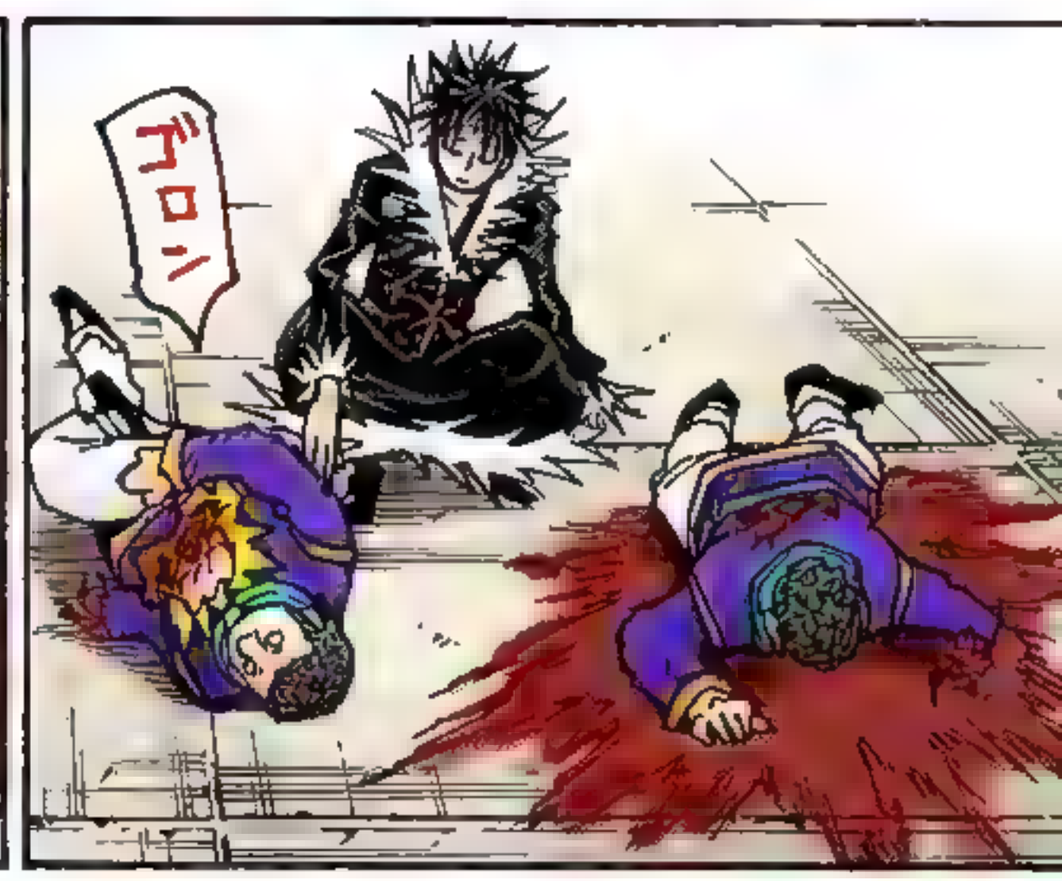


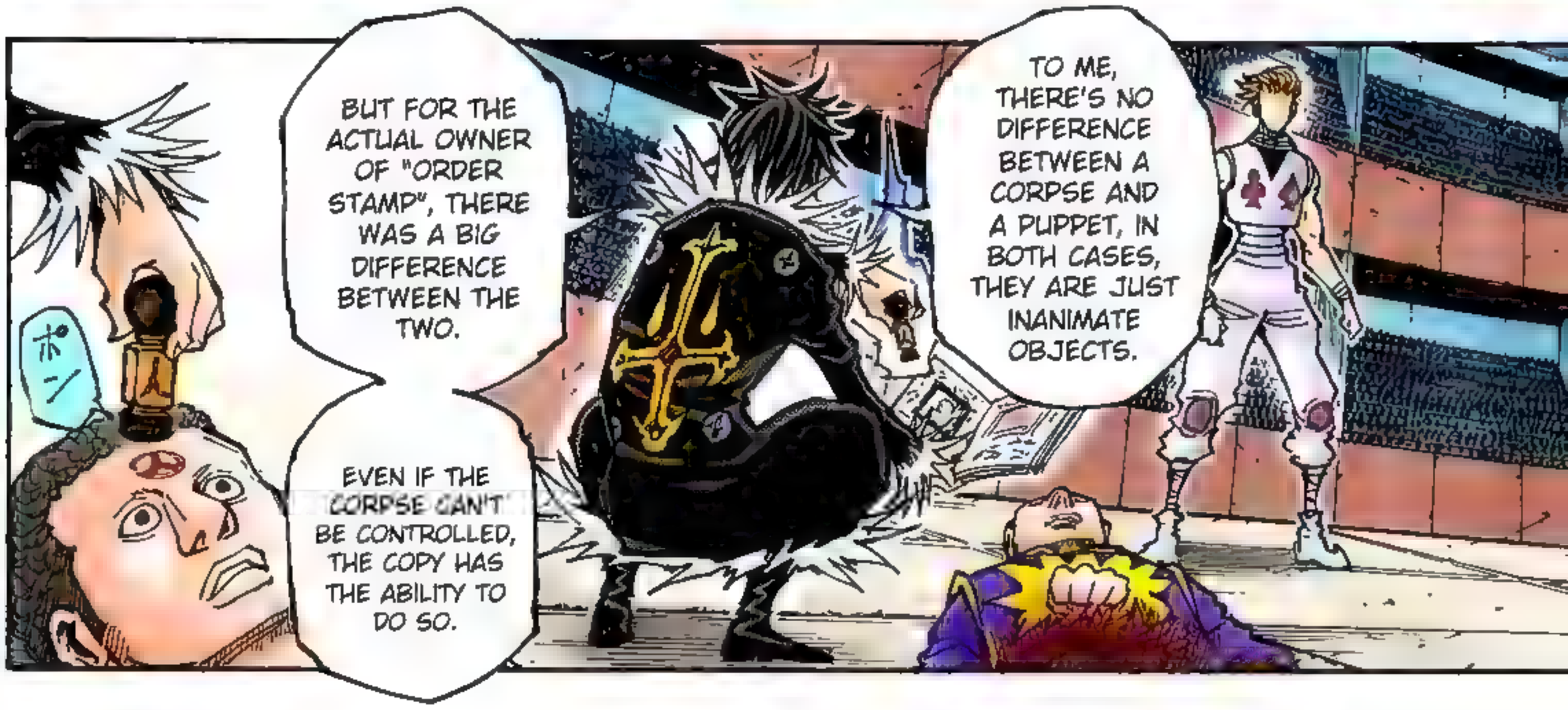




"GALLERY FAKE: DIVINE LEFT HAND, DEMONIC RIGHT HAND"







STAND UP.

...WAS WHETHER THE HEAD WAS ATTACHED TO THE REST OF THE BODY.

FOR THE ORIGINAL USER, THE ONLY CRITERION THAT DIFFERENTIATES A PUPPET FROM A CORPSE...

BREAK HISOKA!

IT WILL STRONGLY REFLECT IT'S ORIGINAL PERSONALITY.

A GIVEN ORDER SUCH AS "KILL SOMEONE" TO A PUPPET WHICH WAS COPIED FROM A HUMAN...

THE WAY THE ORDERS ARE ACCEPTED ALSO DEPENDS ON THE PUPPET AS WELL.

BUT BY CHANGING THE ORDER TO JUST "BREAK"...

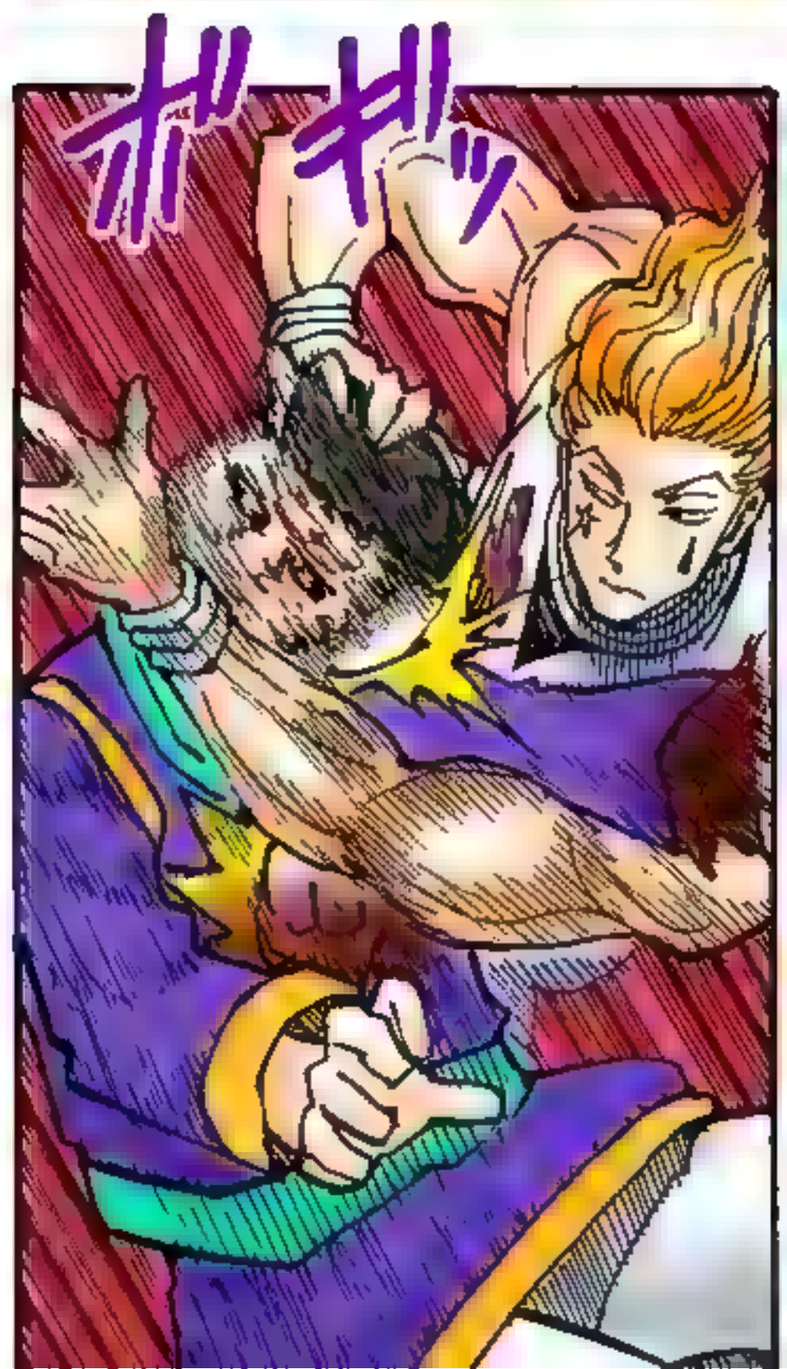
IN THE WORST CASE, SOME PUPPETS WILL OUTRIGHT DISOBEY ORDERS.

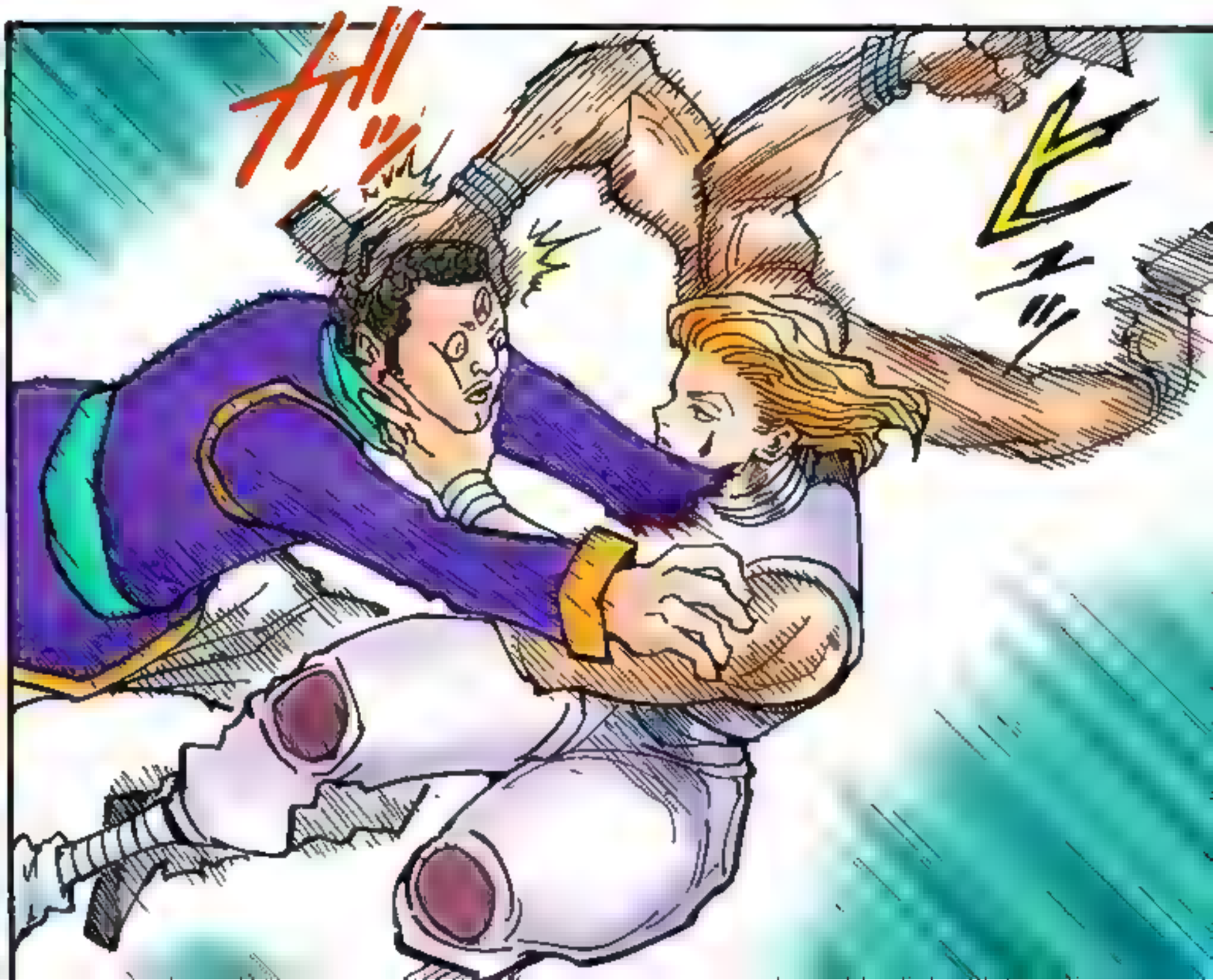
HE WILL USE ANY INEFFICIENT MEANS OF CARRYING THE ORDER, HE WILL TRY ANYTHING AT LEAST BEFORE DYING.

IT WOULD SEEM TO DETACH THEIR MIND FROM THEIR HEAD.

THIS IS THE TRUE THRILL OF "SKILL HUNTER".

BY USING THIS ABILITY WHILE LOOKING INTO THE DEEPEST DARKNESS WITHIN THE HEART OF THE ORIGINAL USER...





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BY REMOVING THE HEAD, THE PUPPET WILL STOP AND THE STAMP MARK ALSO DISAPPEARS.

CORRECT.

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WHEN THE COPY DISAPPEARS, YOU CAN ASSUME THAT "GALLERY FAKE" HAS BEEN DEACTIVATED.

SINCE I HAVEN'T DEACTIVATED "GALLERY FAKE", THE PUPPET WILL REMAIN THERE.

AND THE LAST ONE IS?

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ONCE THE ABILITY IS ACTIVATED, I CAN HAVE THE BOOKMARK REMOVED, BUT IT CAN REMAIN ACTIVE AS LONG AS I HAVE THE OPEN BOOK IN MY HAND.

EVEN WHILE HOLDING THE BOOK IN MY LEFT HAND, IF I WANT TO ACTIVATE THE RIGHT HAND I NEED TO USE THE BOOKMARK.

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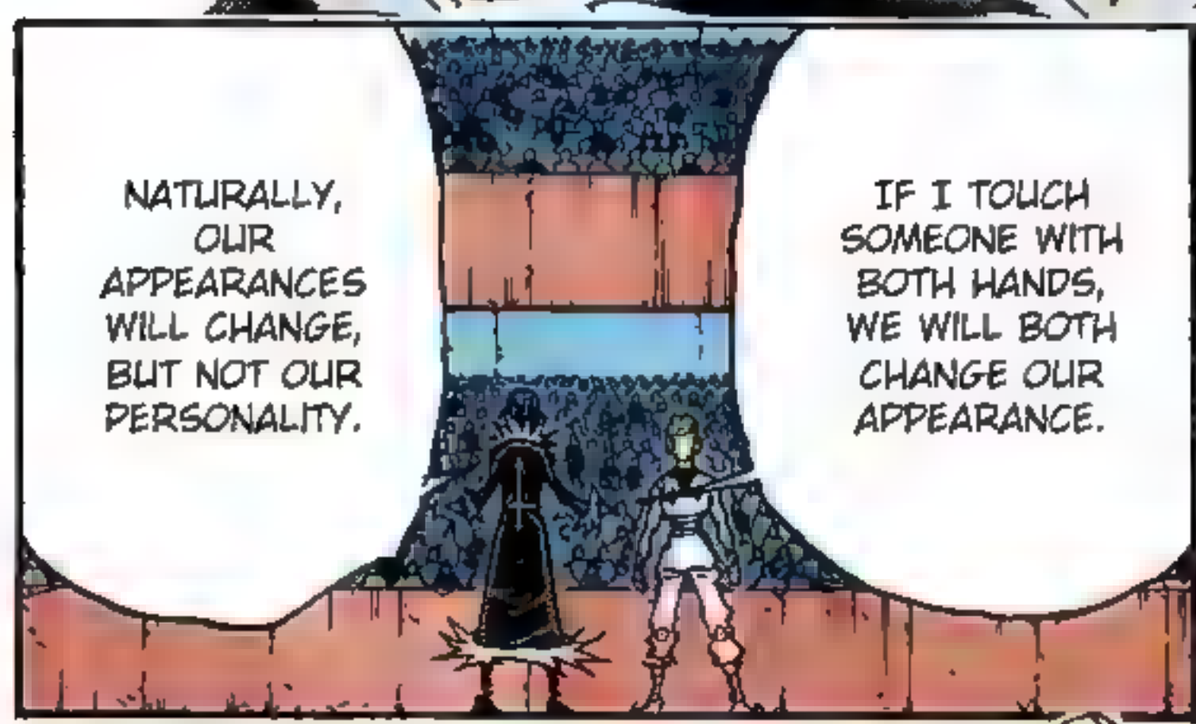
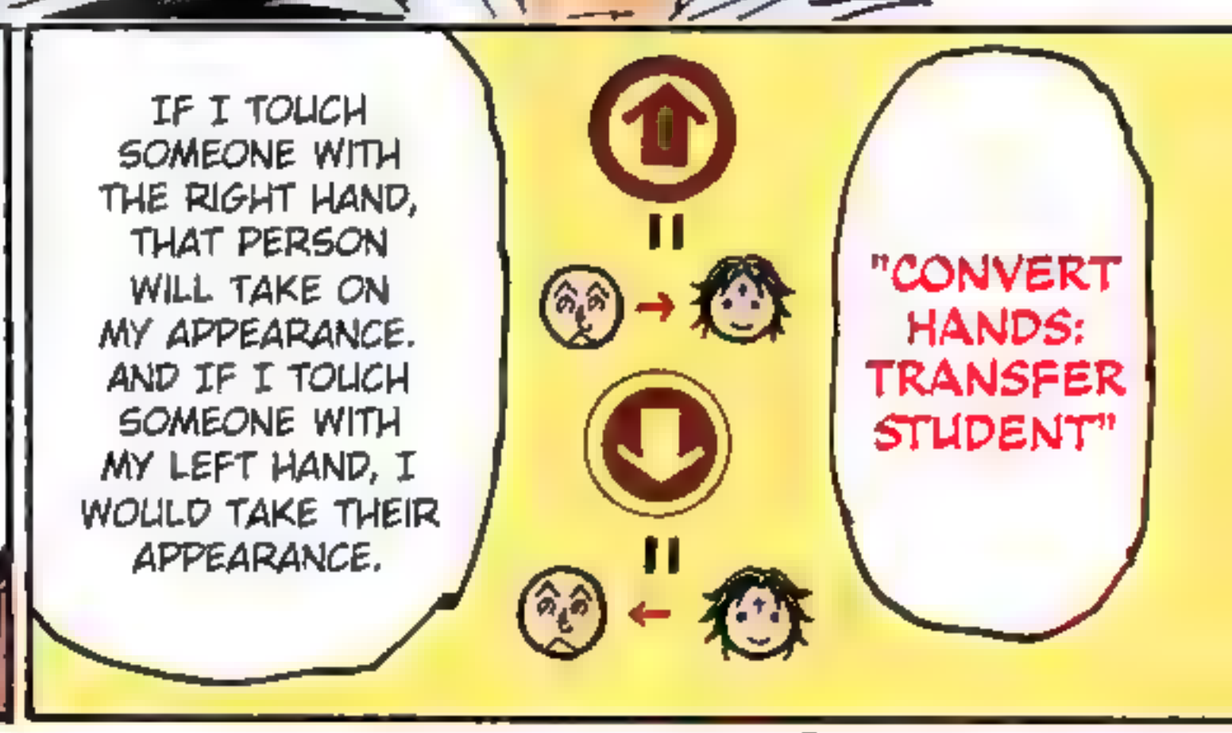
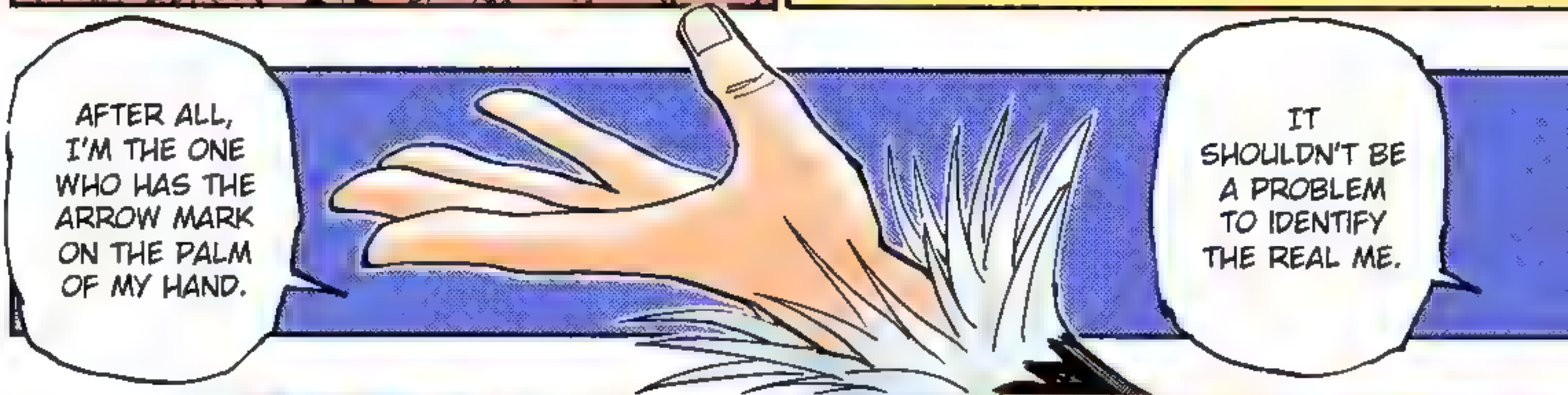
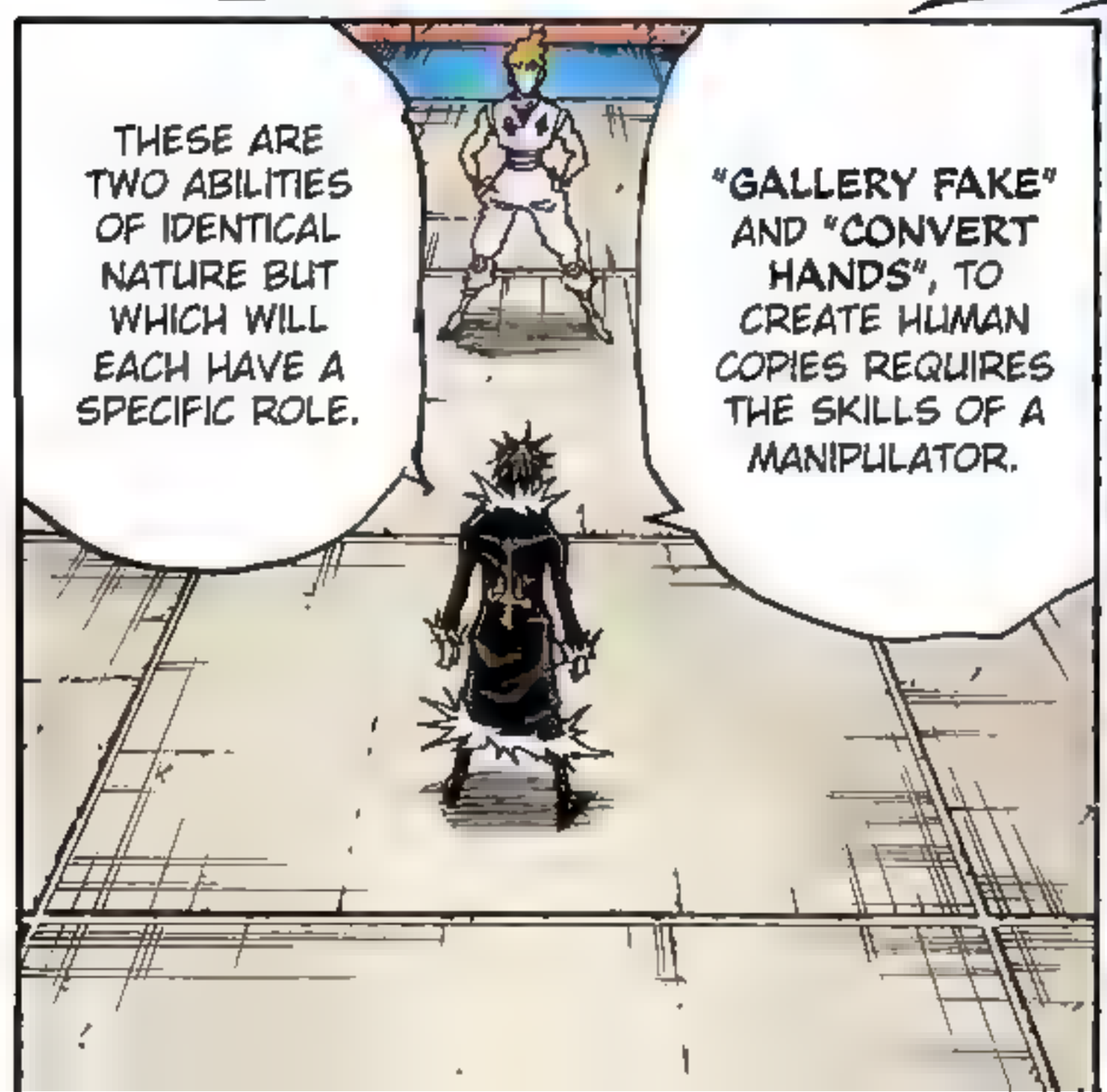
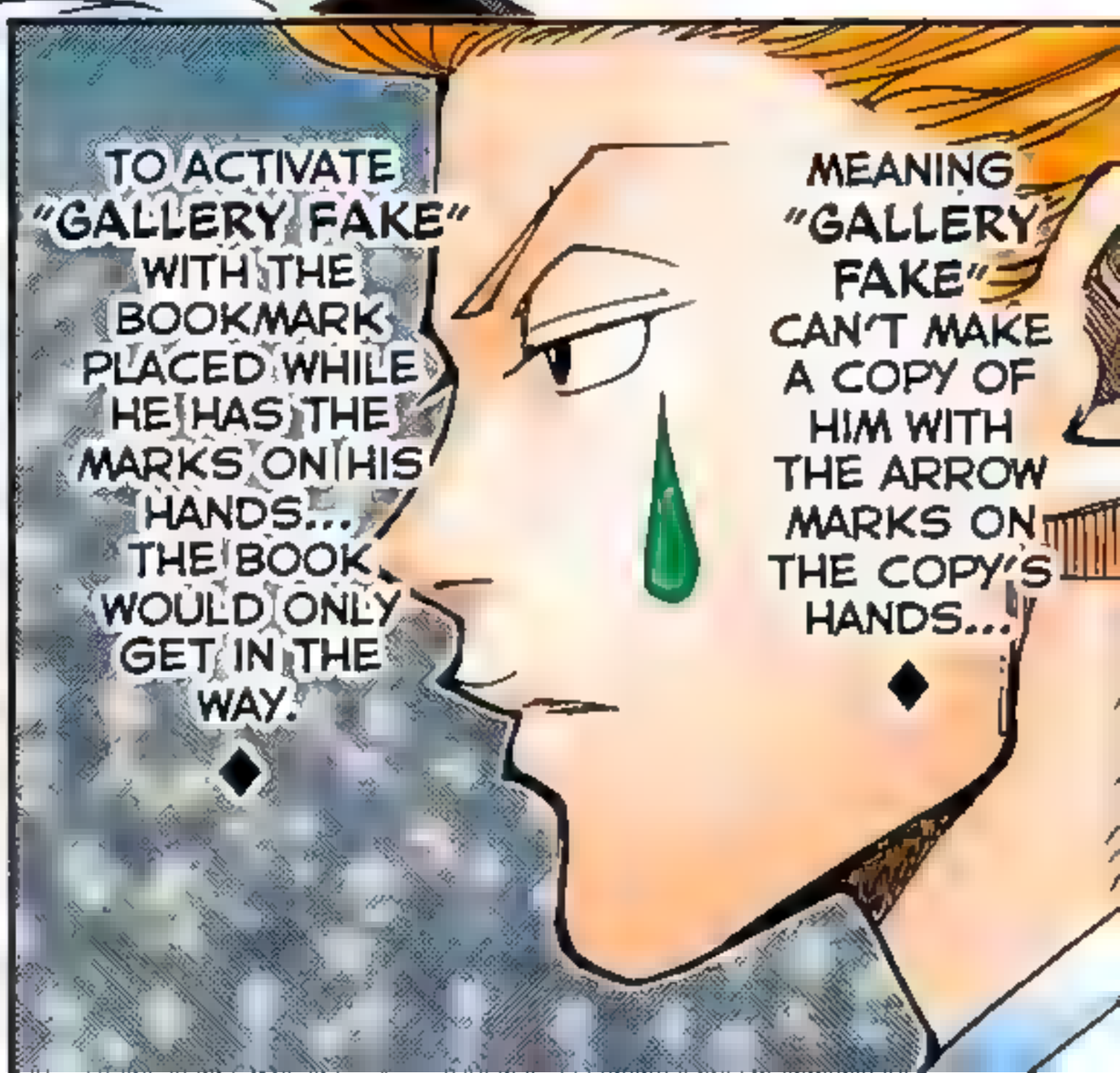










ALL TO DEFEAT YOU.

I'LL OFFER YOU THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF INFORMATION.

ONE MORE THING...

WE CAN FINALLY BEGIN... ♥

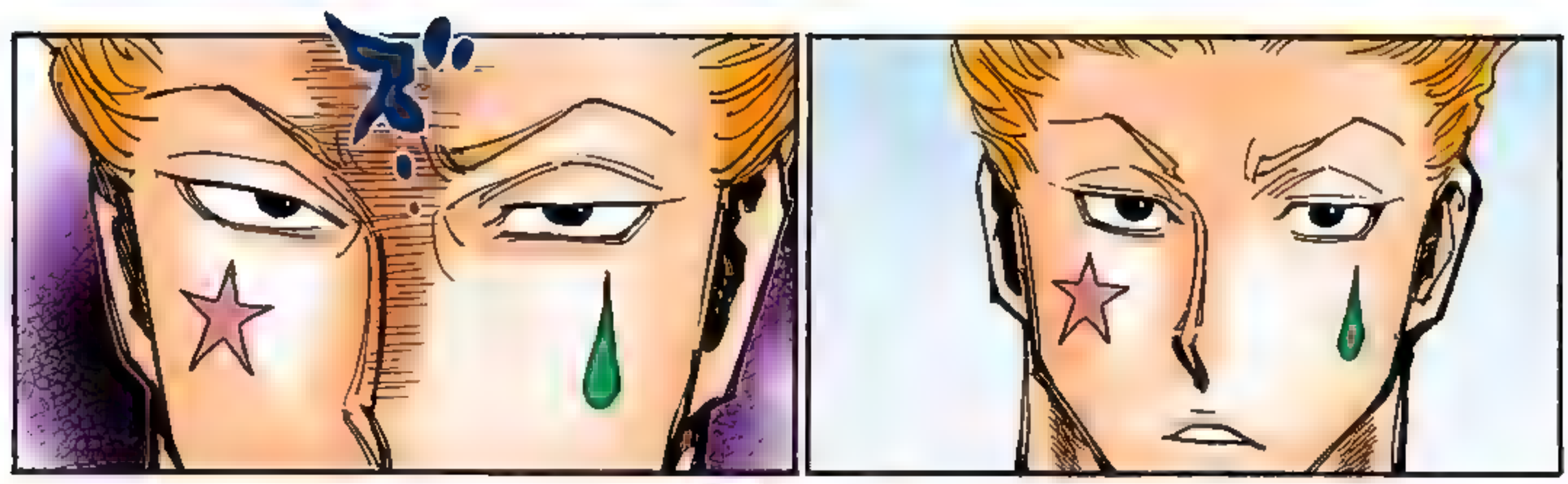
SO... I ASSUME THE LESSON IS OVER, RIGHT?

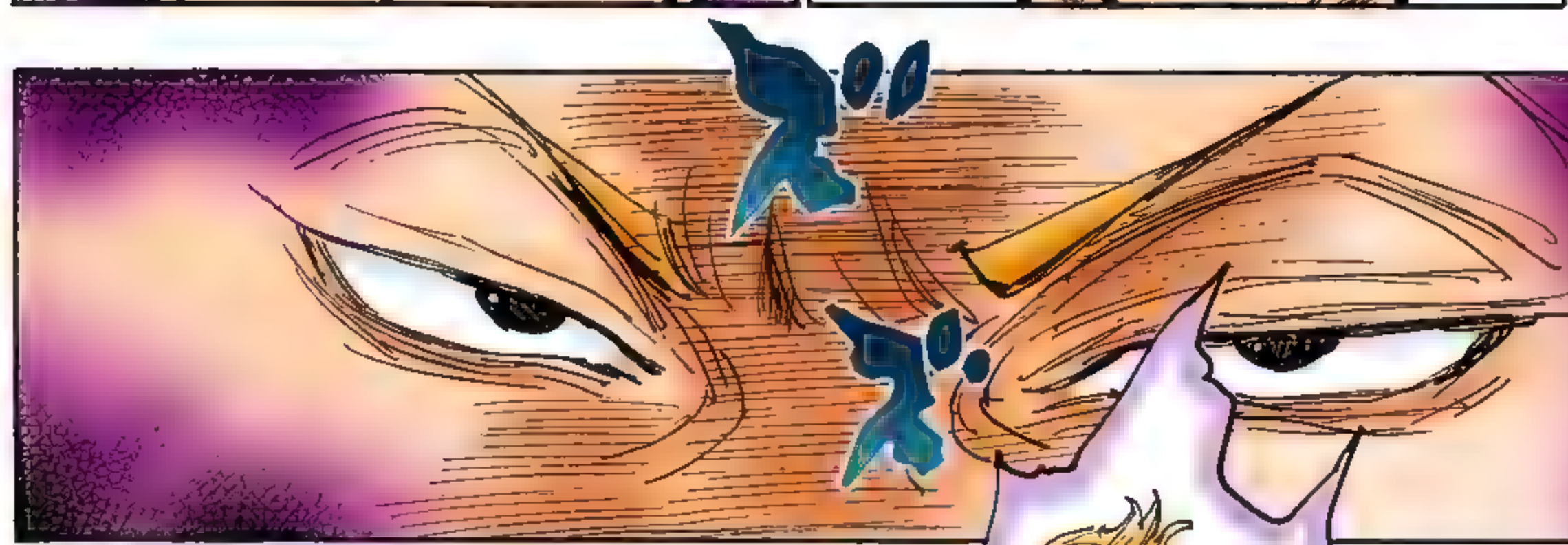
THE ABILITY WILL ALSO DISAPPEAR FROM THE BOOK, NEVER TO BE USED AGAIN.

NORMALLY, IF THE PERSON WHOSE ABILITY I STOLE WITH "SKILL HUNTER" DIES...

THAT BELONGED TO SOMEONE WHO IS DEAD, BUT THE ABILITY IS STILL IN THE BOOK.

BUT... THERE IS ONE ABILITY AMONG THOSE I HAVE JUST EXPLAINED TO YOU.





THE NEN BECOMES STRONGER ...!!
EVEN AFTER DEATH...
THIS WAS A SURPRISE FOR ME AS WELL.
I SEE YOU UNDERSTAND AS WELL.

WELL, I GUESS I AGREE TOO.

"ORDER STAMP" WASN'T UNDERSTOOD BY THE DEAN SIMILAR TO HOW THERE WASN'T A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HUMAN AND A PUPPET.

IN RESPONSE TO AN "OUTSIDE" THREAT, HE MADE HIS BRETHERN INTO BOMBS AND ORDERED THEM TO DELIVER A MESSAGE.

THIS ABILITY BELONGED TO THE DEAN OF METEOR CITY...

"SUN & MOON."

YES... ♠

WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY?

YOU CAN ALREADY GUESS IT, CAN'T YOU?

...THEY CAN'T BE REMOVED...!

ONCE THE SEALS HAVE BEEN MARKED...

THE SEALS WILL REMAIN ATTACHED UNTIL THE EXPLOSION, NO MATTER IF THE BOOK IS OPENED OR CLOSED.

EXACTLY.

EXTREMELY PROBLEMATIC...

THIS MAY TURN OUT...

MY INTENTION IS NOT TO TEASE YOU, BUT I AM 100% SURE THAT I WILL WIN.

THAT CONCLUDES MY EXPLANATION.

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OF COURSE...

WITH THAT IN MIND, YOU STILL WANNA CONTINUE?

HUMANS...

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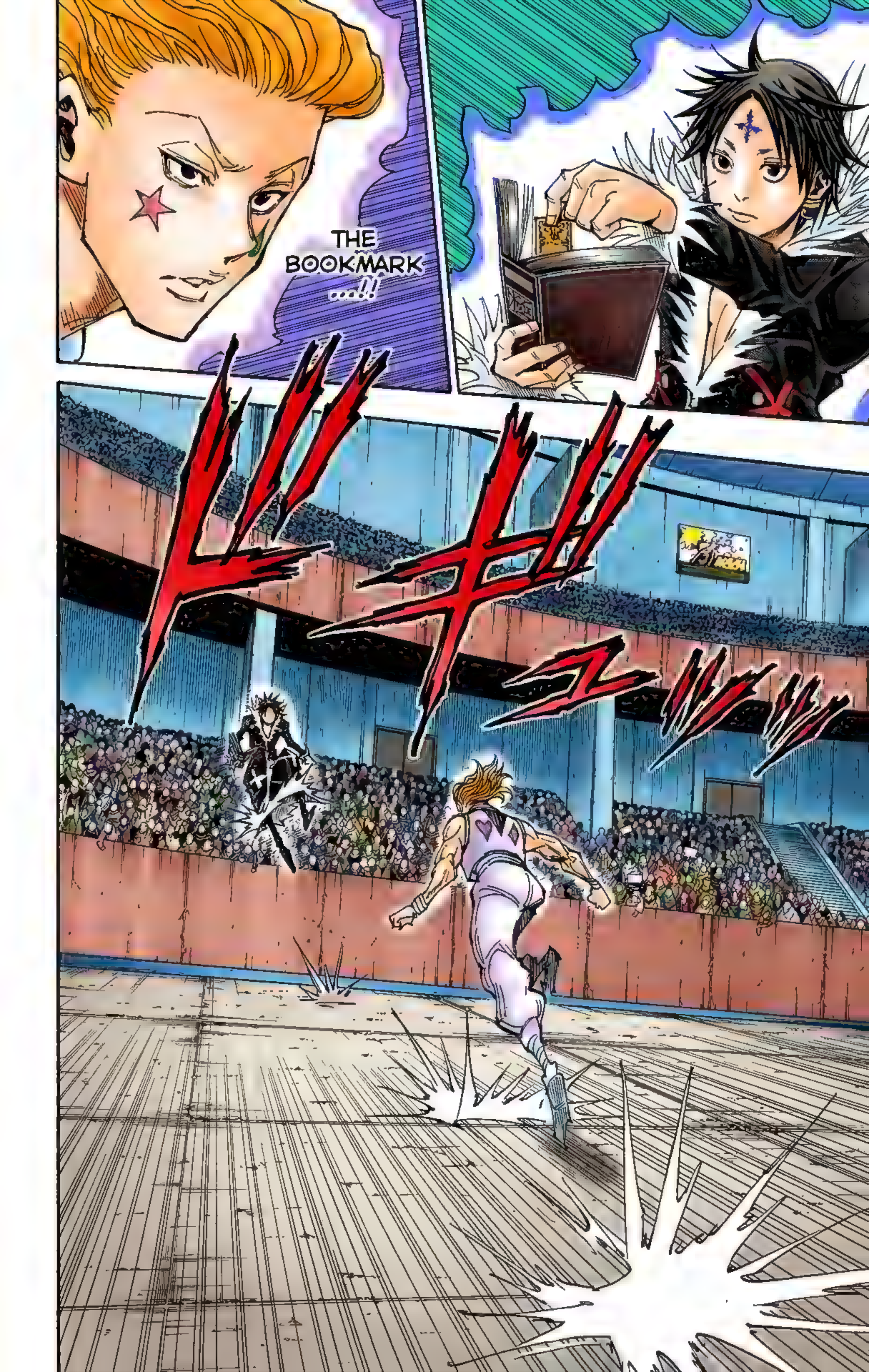
REALLY ARE...

...INTERESTING.


THE BOOKMARK ...!!

"BLACK VOICE: MOBILE FATE DIRECTOR"

"BUNGEE GUM: ELASTIC LOVE"

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AH...
THE FIGHT HAS RESUMED!! WHAT'S THIS...?! CHROLLO IS RUNNING AWAY, WHILE HISOKA PURSUES HIM...
IT APPEARS THAT THEY ARE NOW...
...IN THE STANDS ?!!

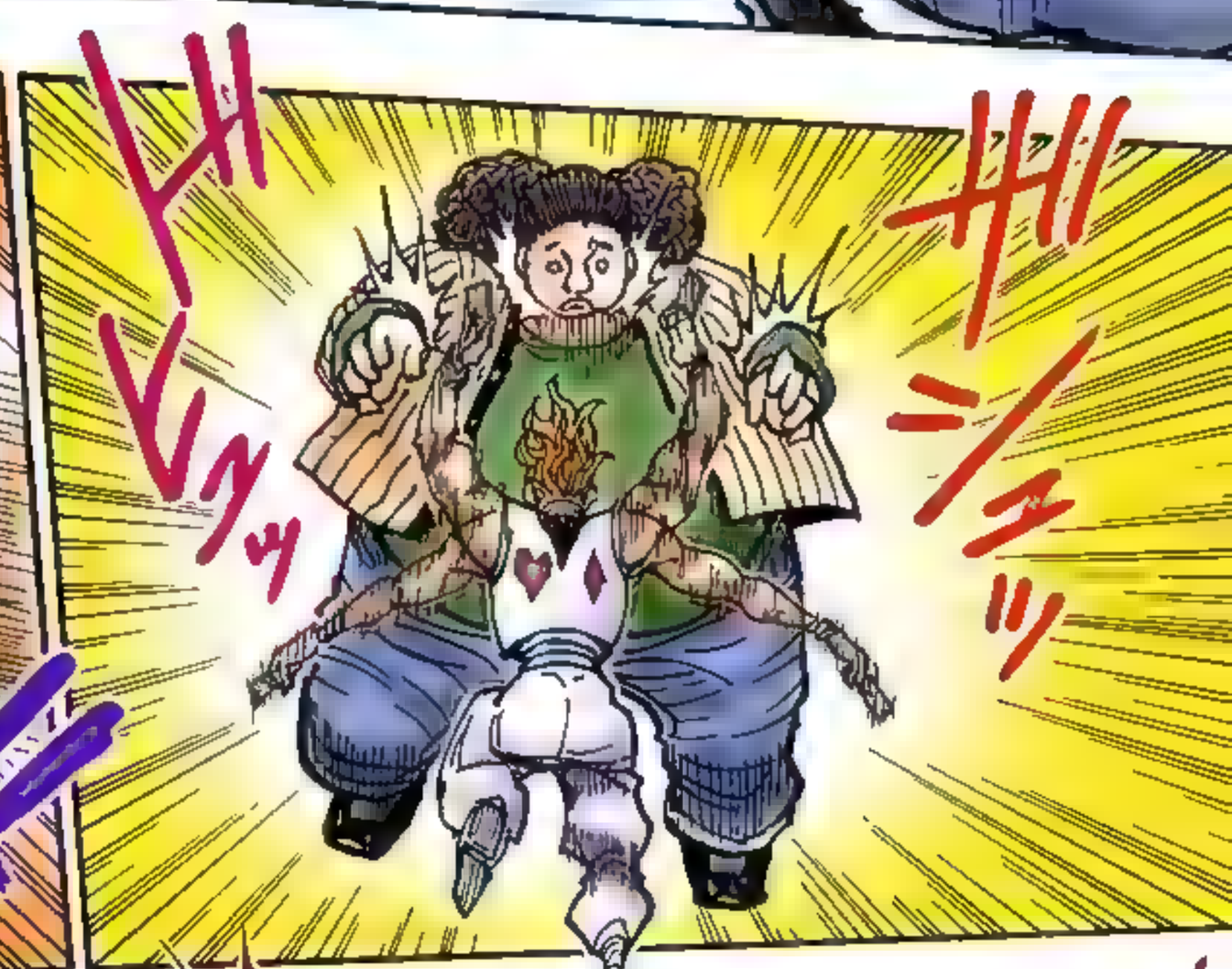
IF I WERE TO CLOSE THE DISTANCE...

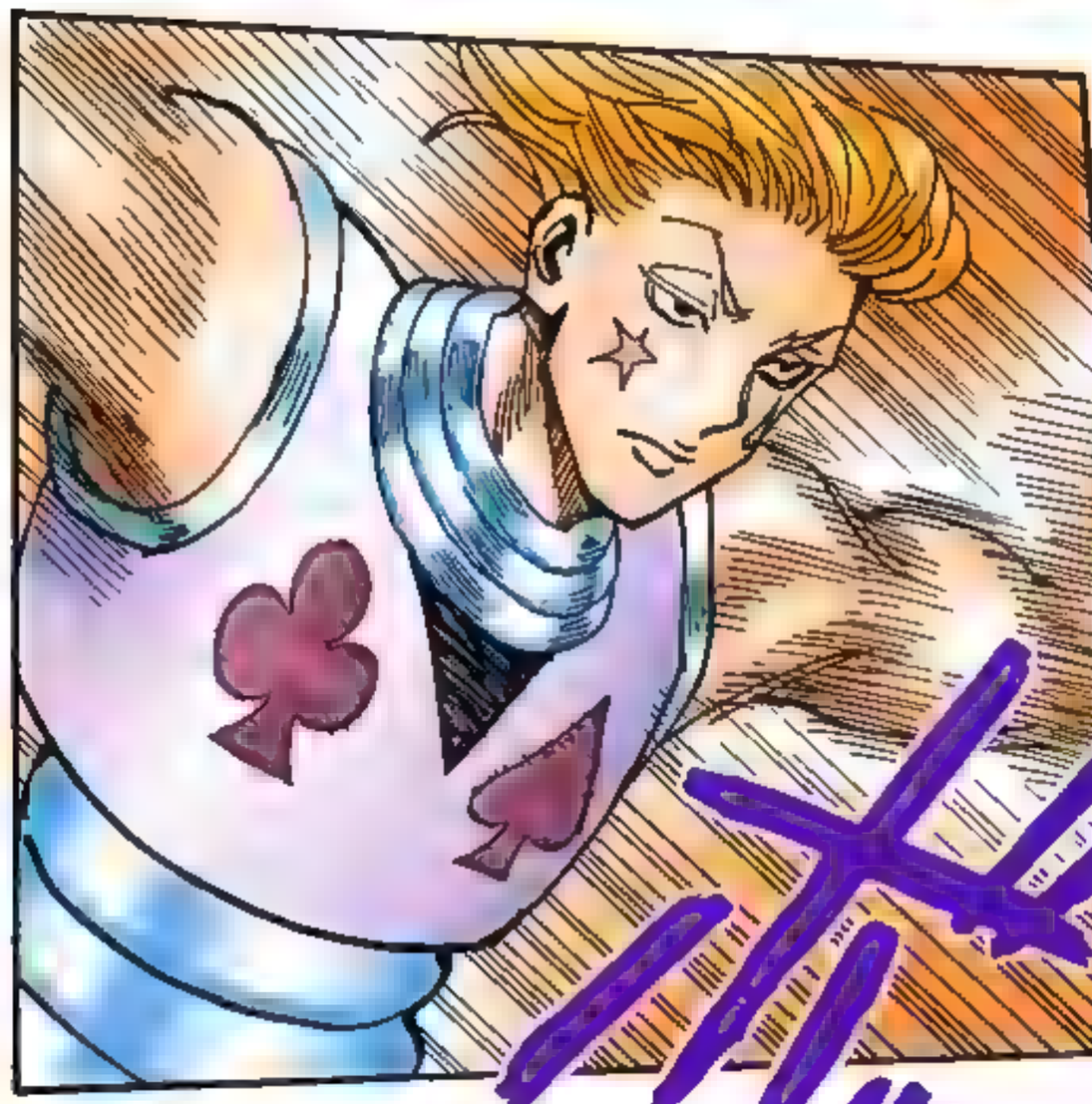
BUT...

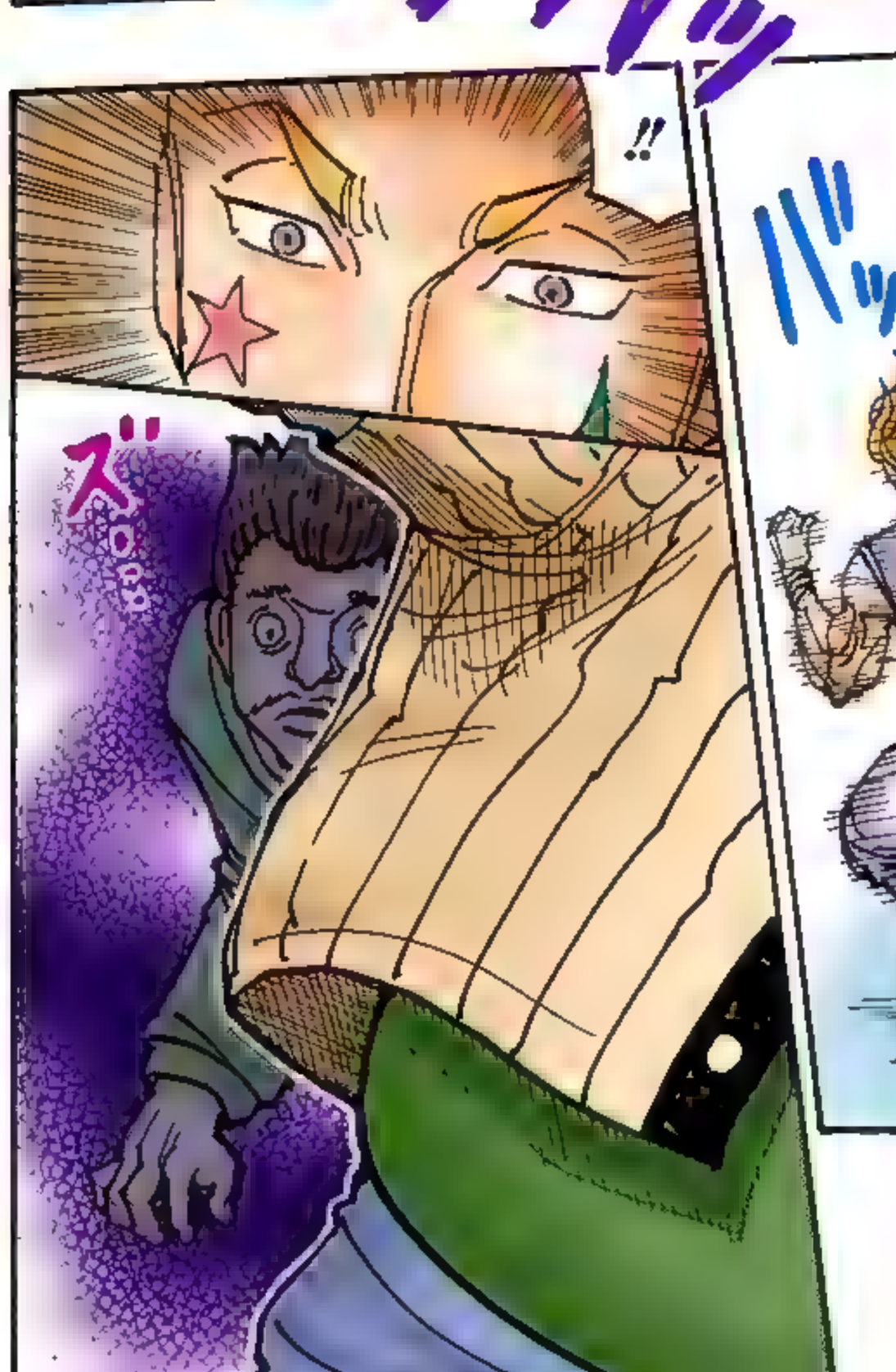
BUT, IF I MAINTAIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE, I WILL DO PRECISELY WHAT CHROLLO EXPECTS...

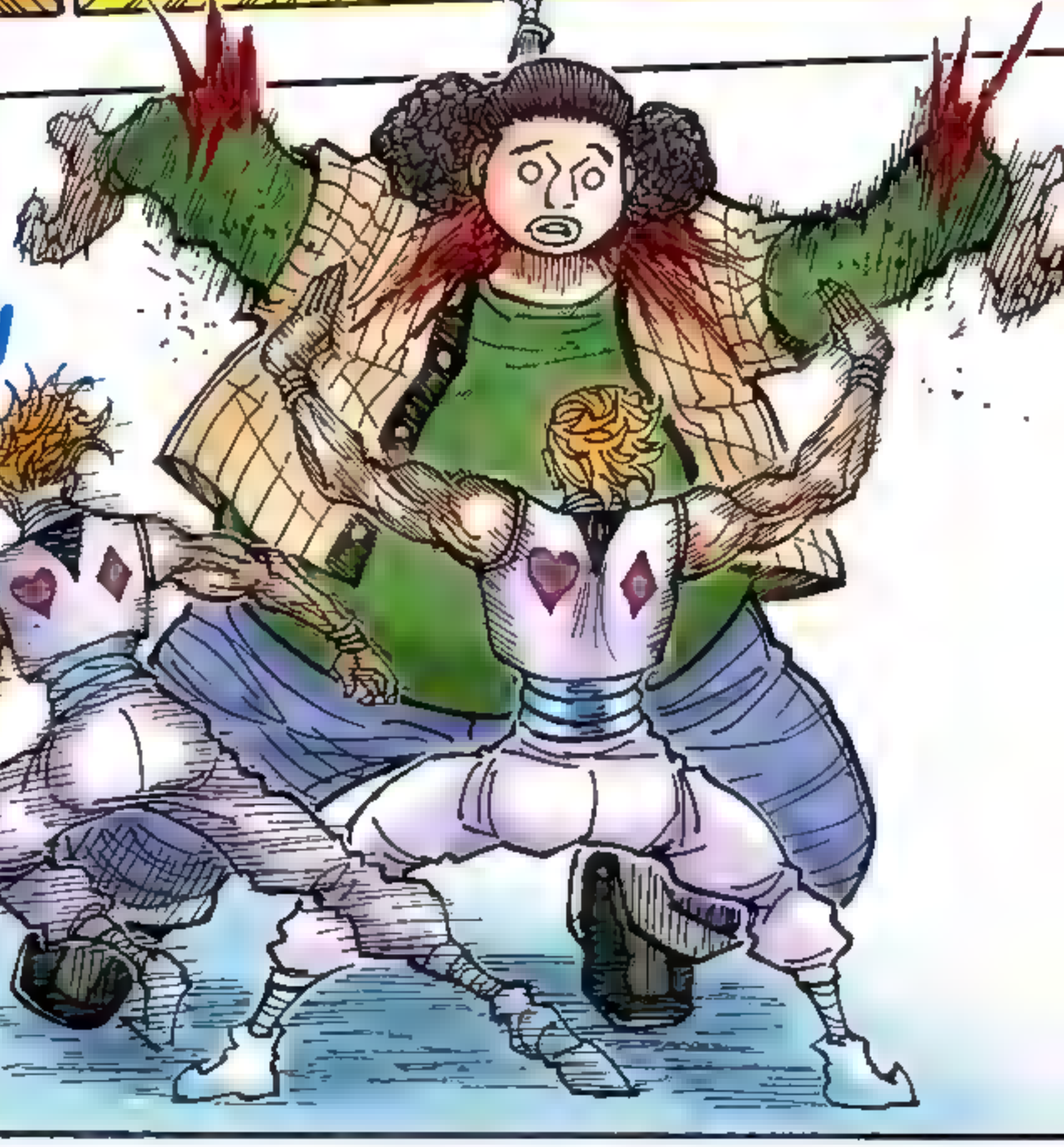
IF I GET TOO CLOSE, I'LL BE AT RISK OF HIS DANGEROUS ANTENNA...

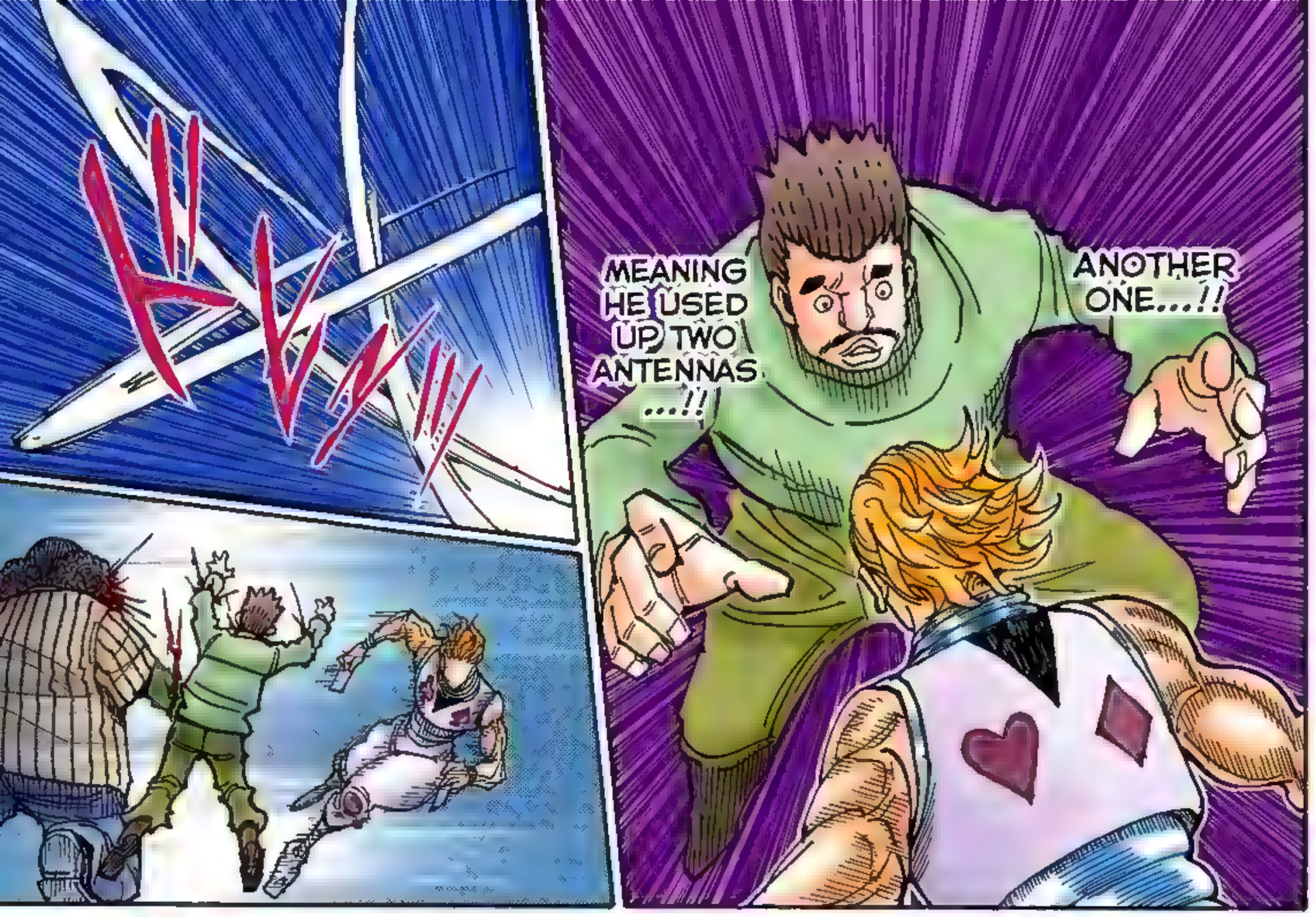
CHROLLO WENT LEFT!

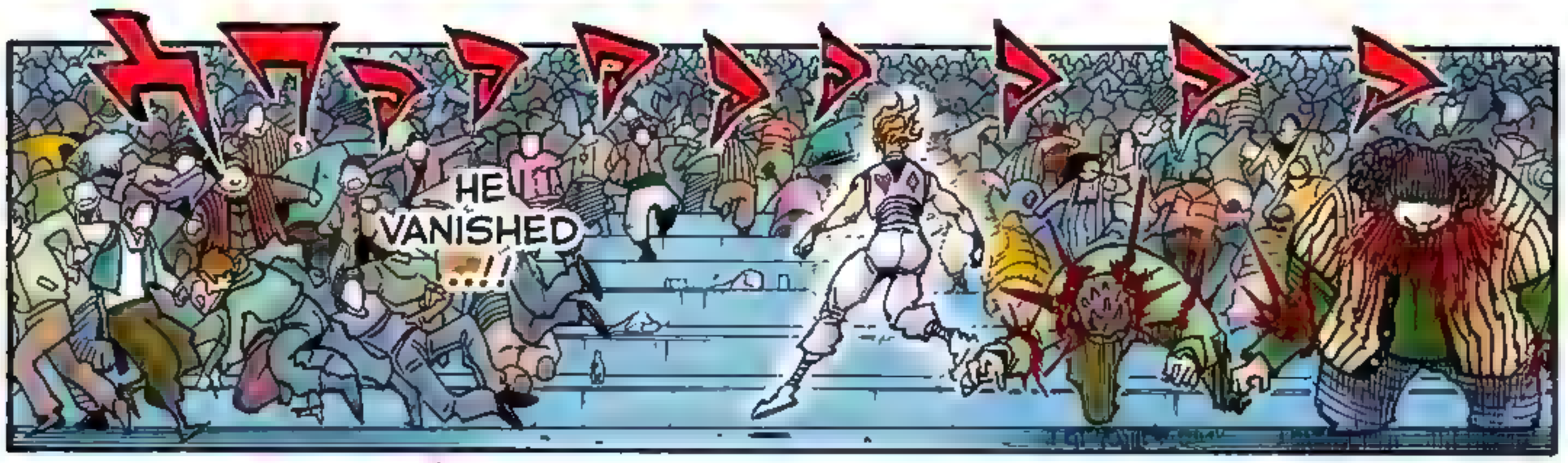


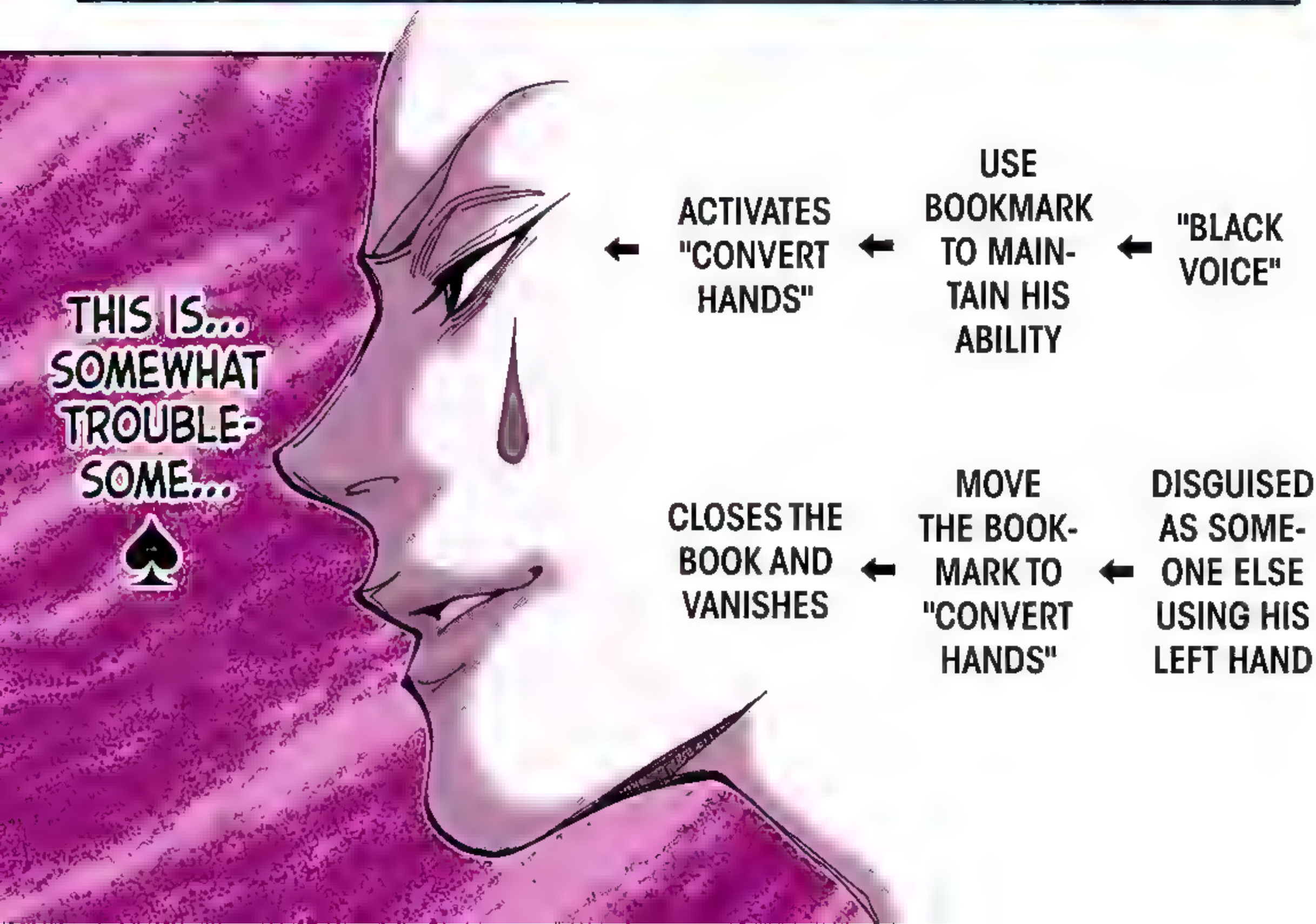


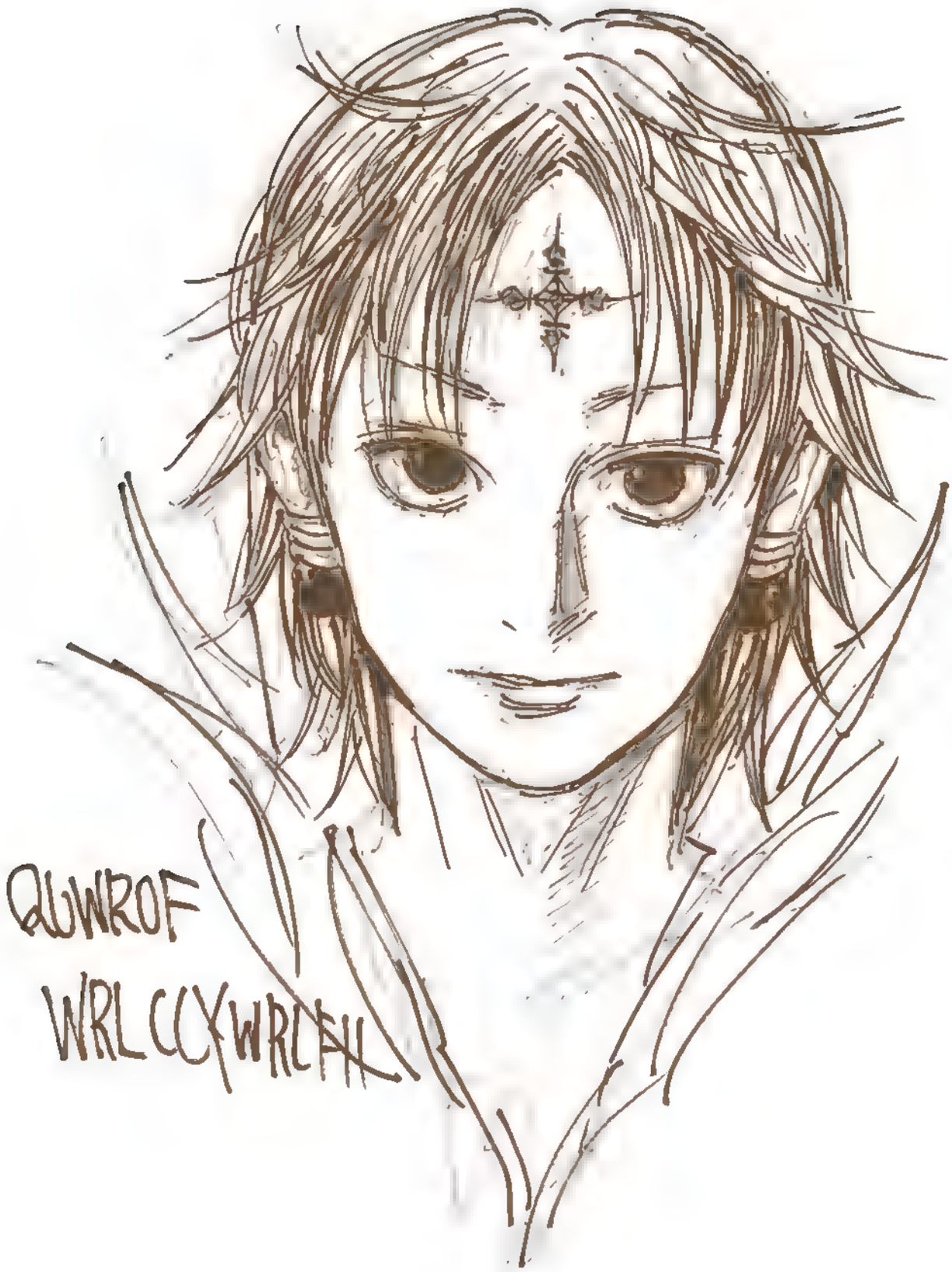





MEANING HE USED UP TWO ANTENNAS ...!!
ANOTHER ONE...!!


HE VANISHED ...!!


THIS IS... SOMEWHAT TROUBLE-SOME...
"BLACK VOICE"
USE BOOKMARK TO MAIN-TAIN HIS ABILITY
ACTIVATES "CONVERT HANDS"
DISGUISED AS SOME-ONE ELSE USING HIS LEFT HAND
MOVE THE BOOK-MARK TO "CONVERT HANDS"
CLOSES THE BOOK AND VANISHES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YAA AAAR GH!!

WAAA AAAA AH!!

UNLESS HE TORE IT OFF WITH A THREAD OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...?

WAS THE ANTENNA REAL ...?

BUT, WHEN DID THE ANTENNA DISAP-PEAR?

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE CALM DOWN!! NO PANIC!!

PLEASE DO NOT RUSH TOWARDS THE EXIT, IT WILL ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE!!

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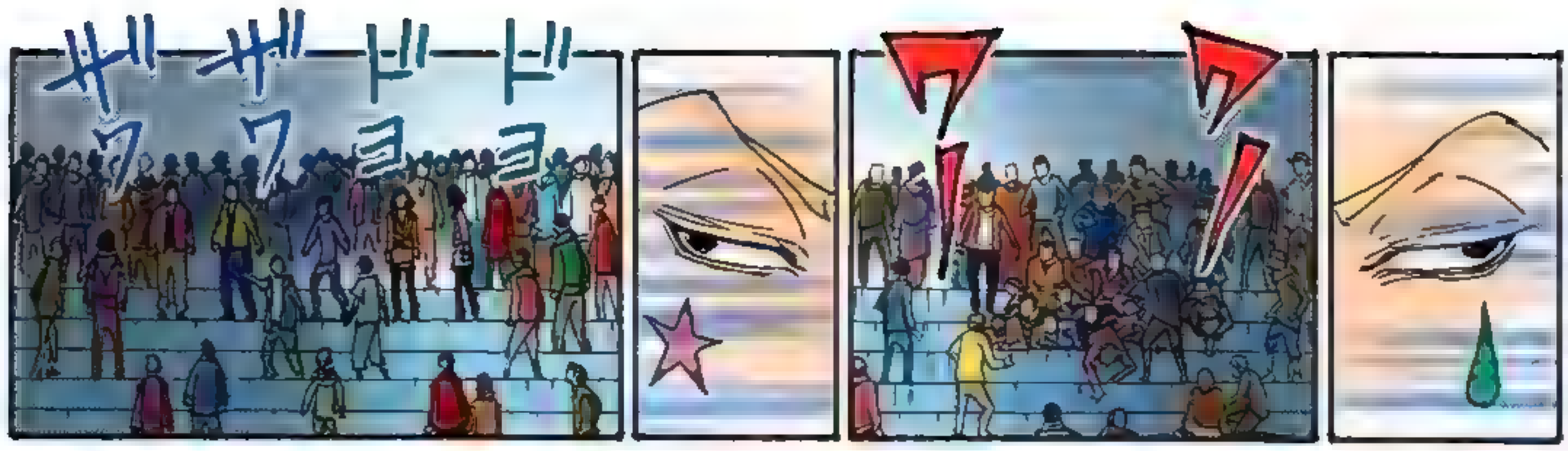

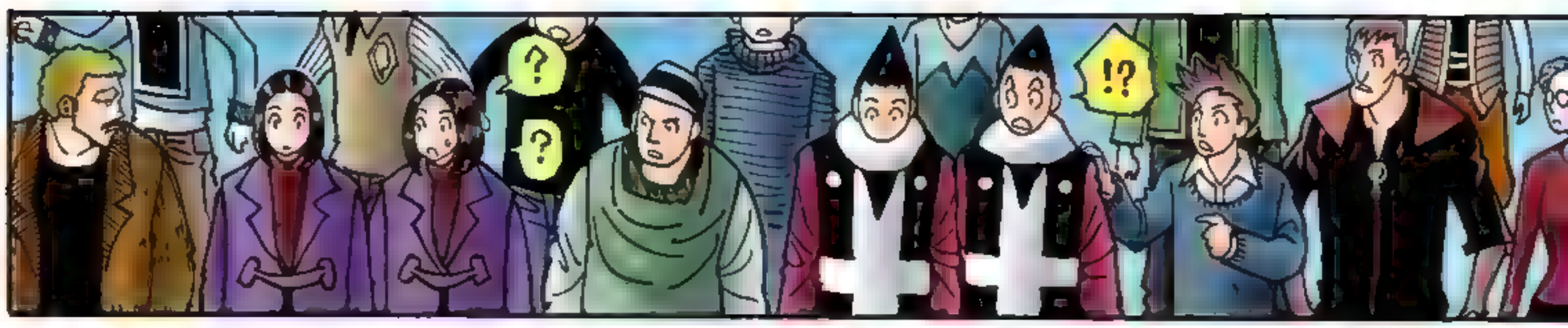
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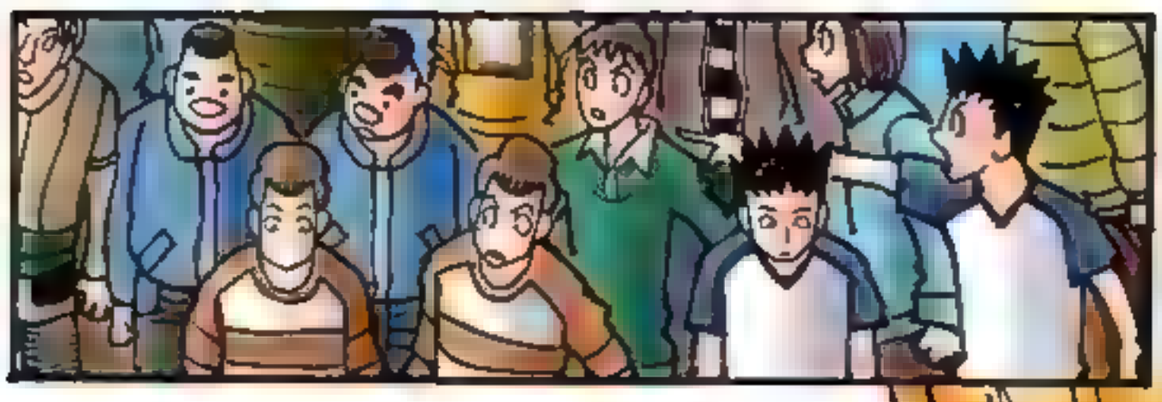
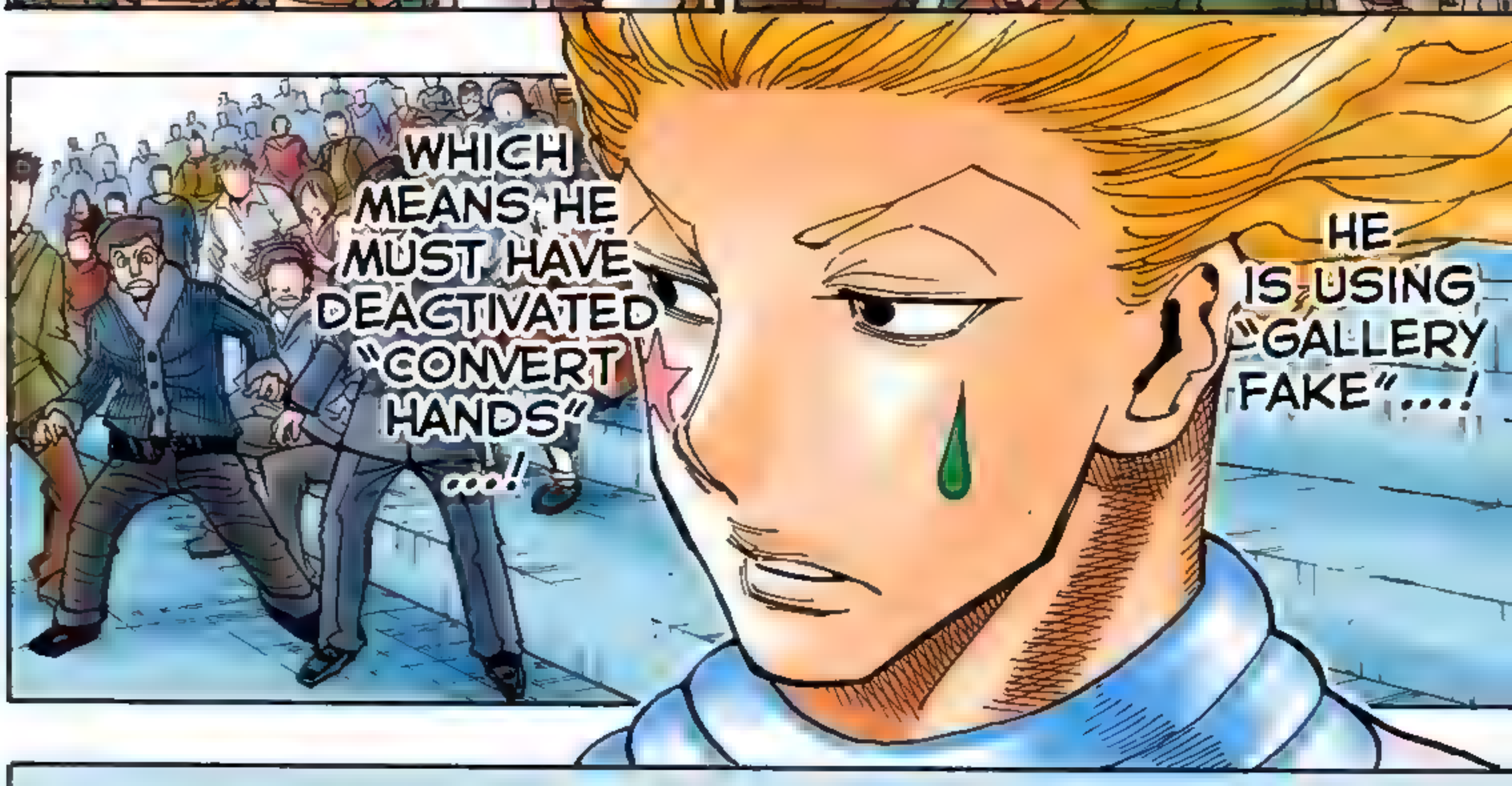
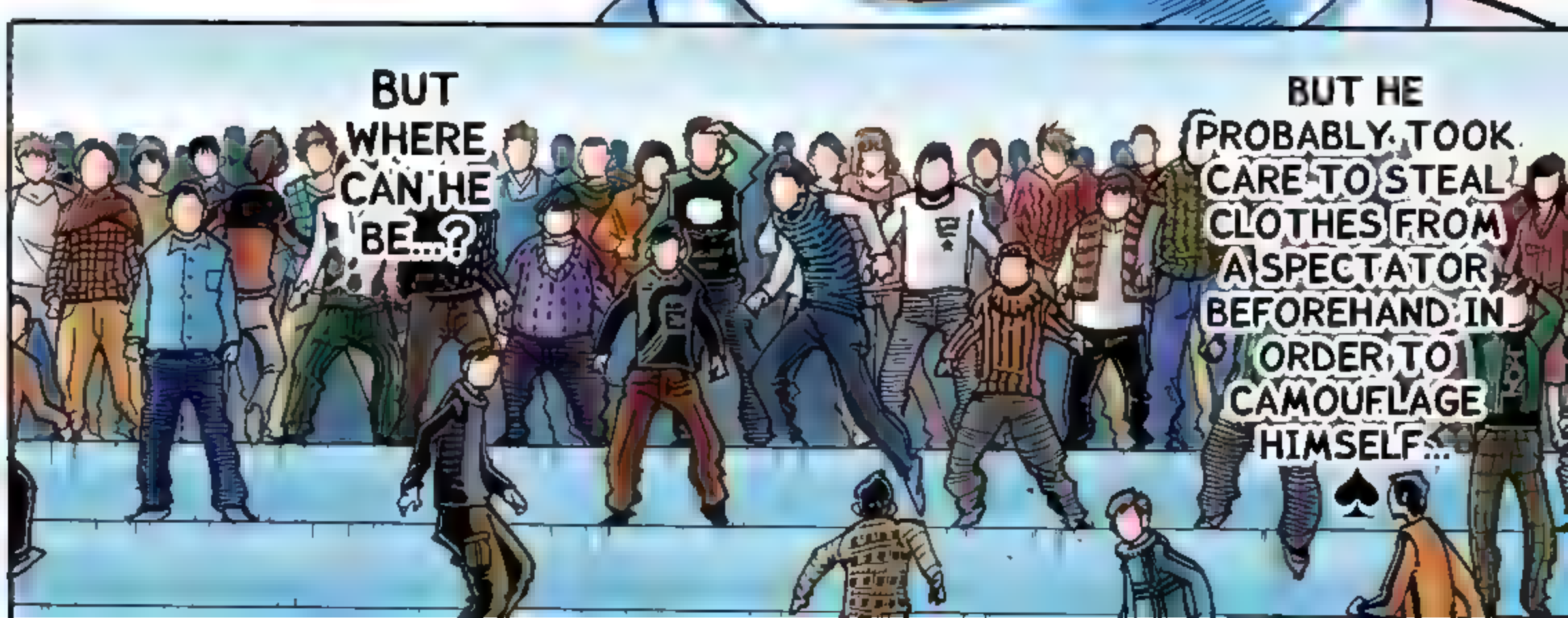
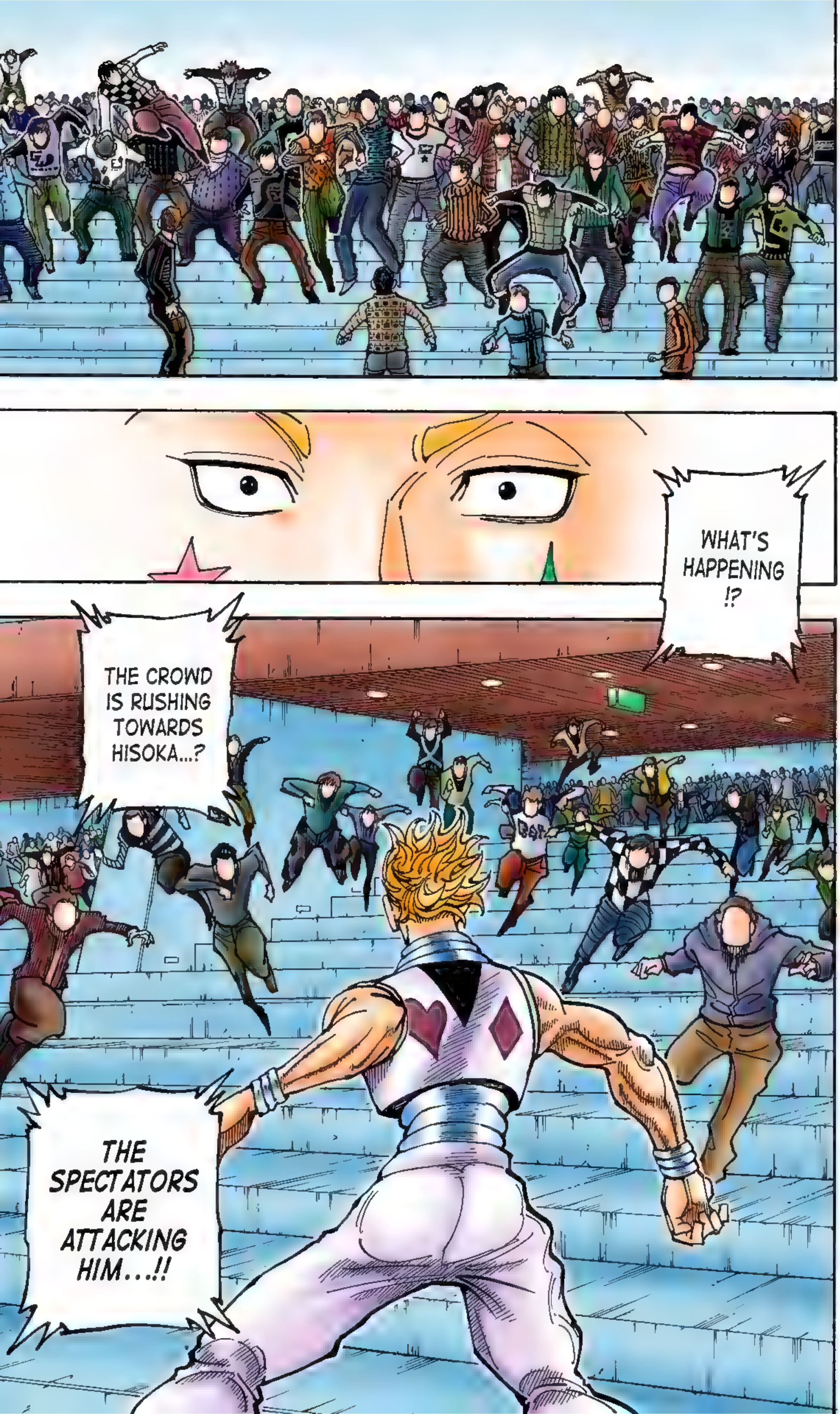



WHICH MEANS HE MUST HAVE DEACTIVATED "CONVERT HANDS" ...!
HE IS USING "GALLERY FAKE"...!


BUT WHERE CAN HE BE...?
BUT HE PROBABLY TOOK CARE TO STEAL CLOTHES FROM A SPECTATOR BEFOREHAND IN ORDER TO CAMOUFLAGE HIMSELF...


WHAT'S HAPPENING !?
THE CROWD IS RUSHING TOWARDS HISOKA...?
THE SPECTATORS ARE ATTACKING HIM...!!

HHHHHHHHHH
IN REALITY... KNOWING THE SPEED OF CHROLLO, HE WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THAT, HE HAD TO PLAN OTHERS IN RESERVE...
SO, IF I UNDERSTOOD CORRECTLY, I HAVE TO FACE ABOUT 30 PUPPETS WHO WILL ONLY STOP IF I BEHEAD THEM...
NO WAY TO AVOID THEM, THERE ARE SPECTATORS EVERYWHERE...
THERE MUST BE OTHER PUPPETS ON "STAND-BY" TO WHOM HE HAS NOT YET GIVEN AN ORDER...!!
HE OPENED THE BOOK ON THE "GALLERY-FAKE".
THEN HE PLACED THE BOOKMARK ON THE PAGE.
THEN CREATED A MULTITUDE OF COPIES.
THEN ACTIVATED "ORDER STAMP".
THEN HE GAVE THEM THE ORDER TO "DESTROY HISOKA"!
I SEE...
YES, THAT MAKES SENSE, GIVEN THAT EVERYONE HERE KNOWS WHO I AM.

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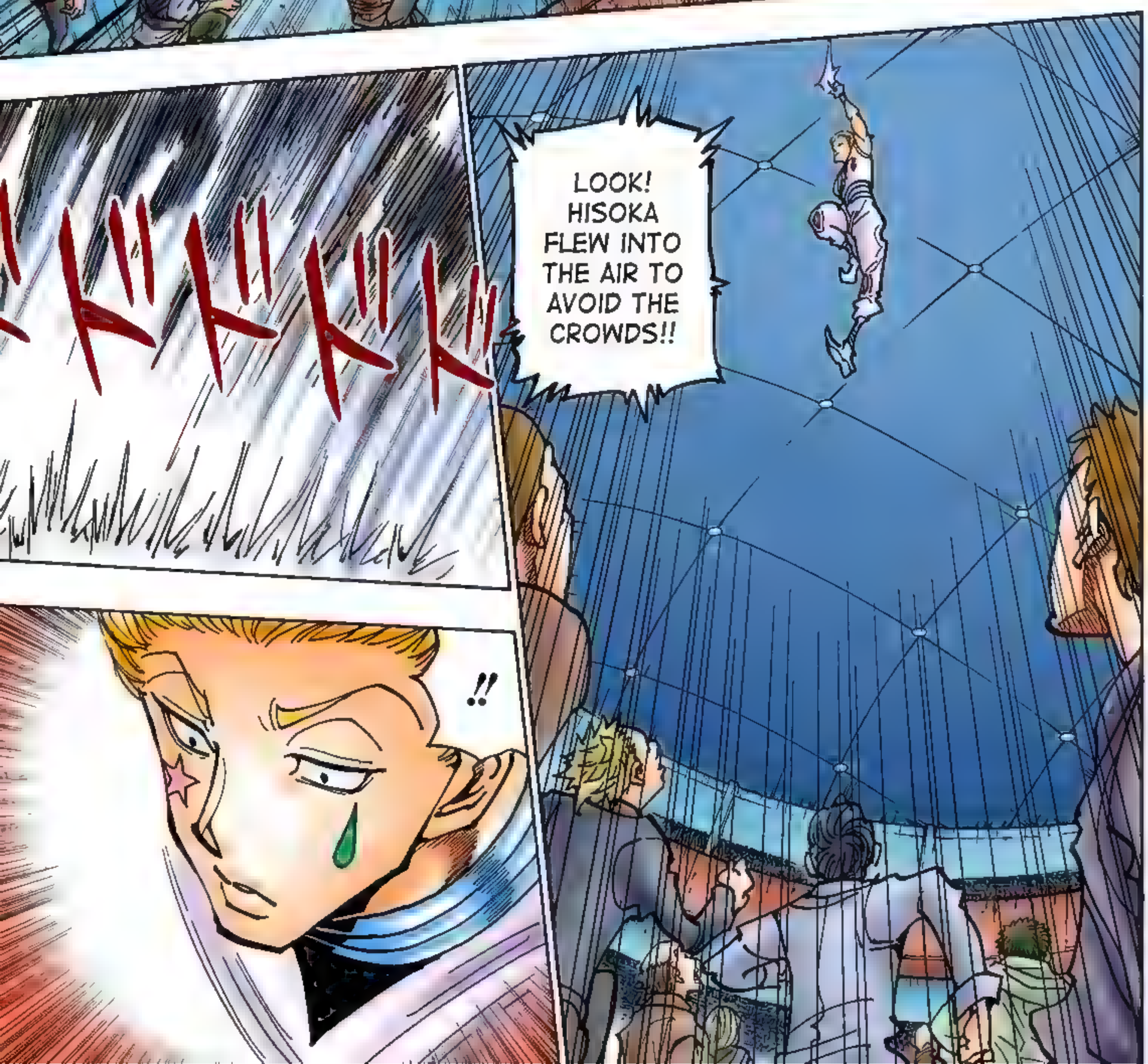

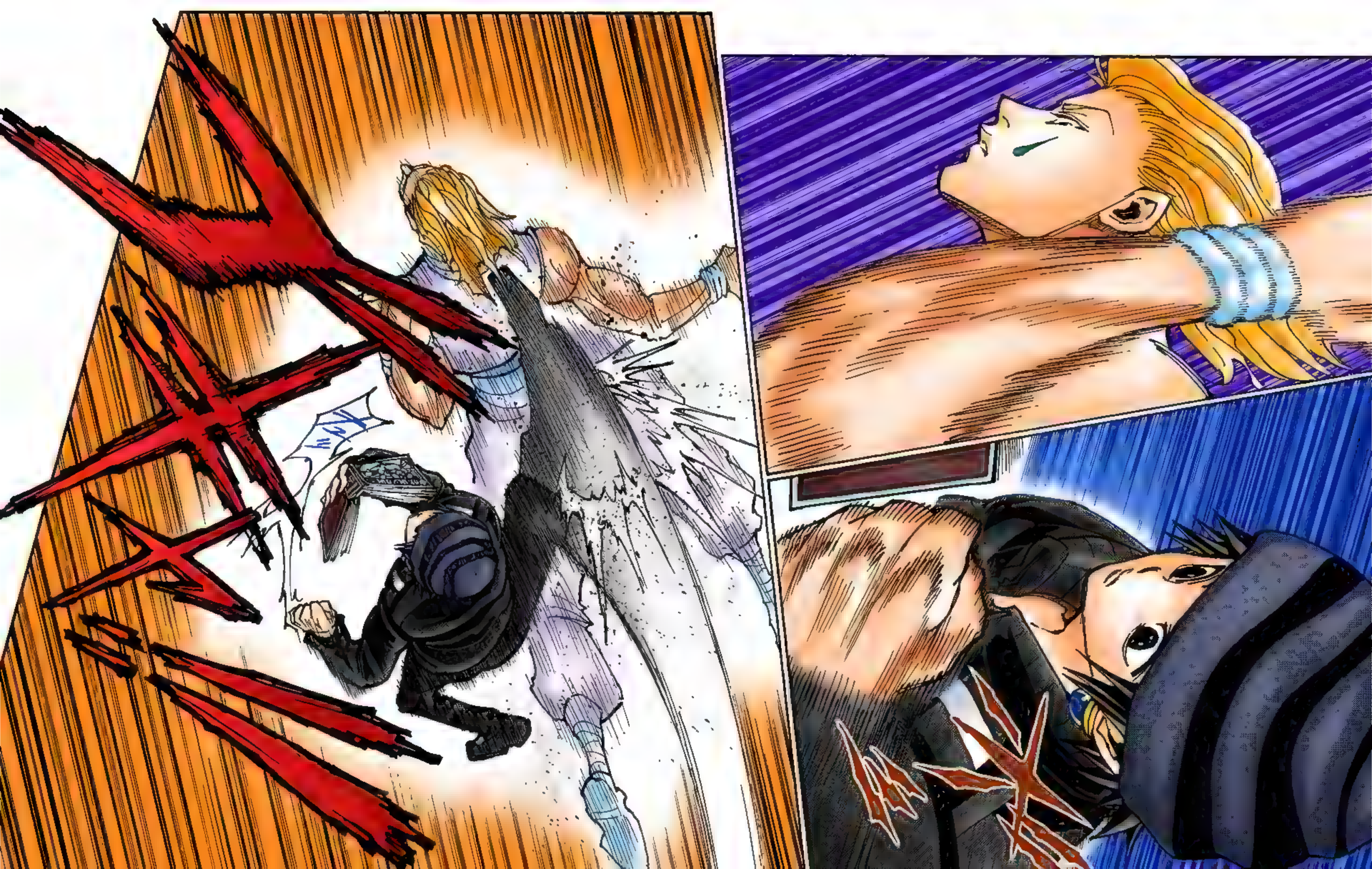

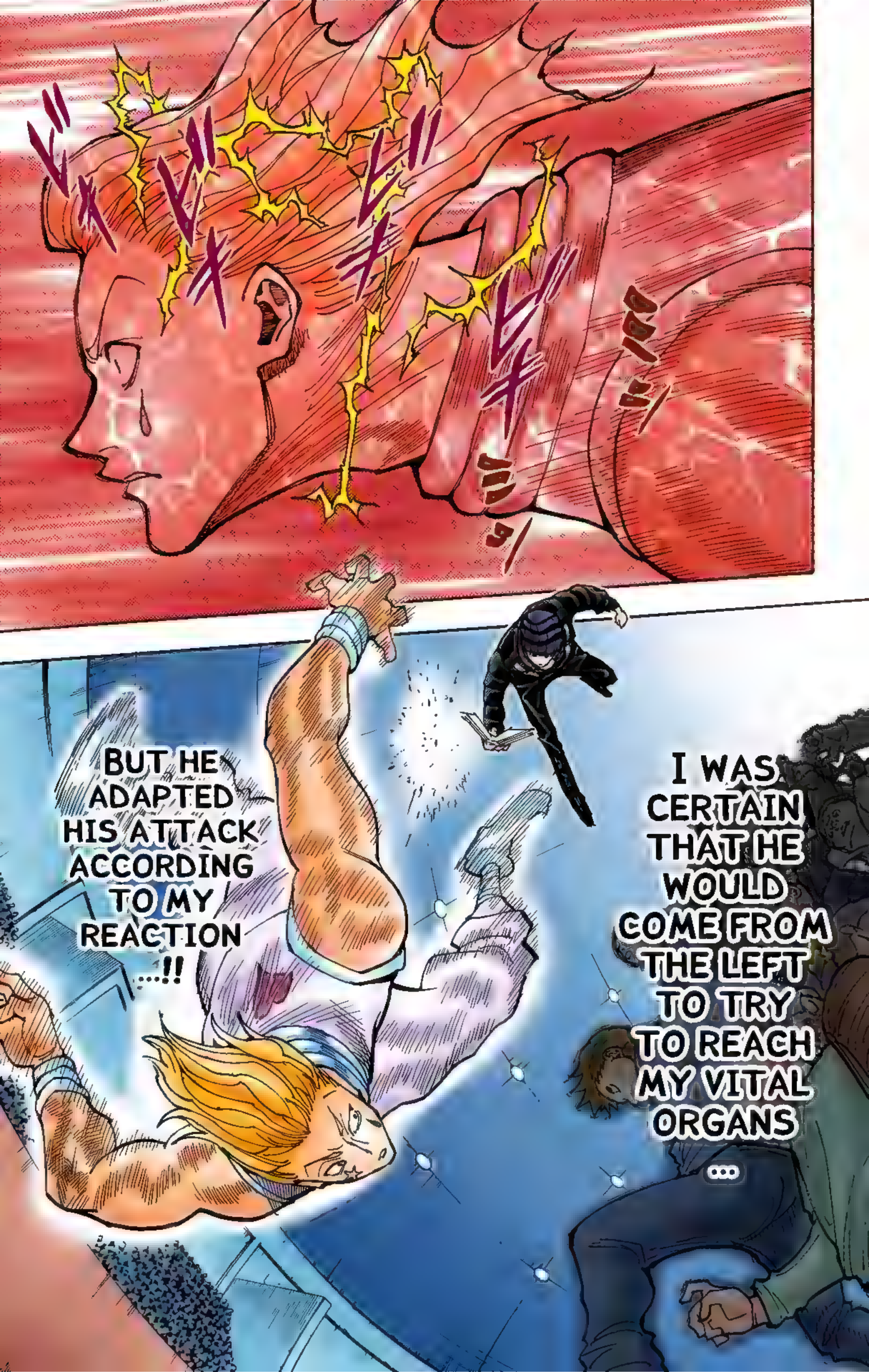
BUT HE ADAPTED HIS ATTACK ACCORDING TO MY REACTION ...!!
I WAS CERTAIN THAT HE WOULD COME FROM THE LEFT TO TRY TO REACH MY VITAL ORGANS
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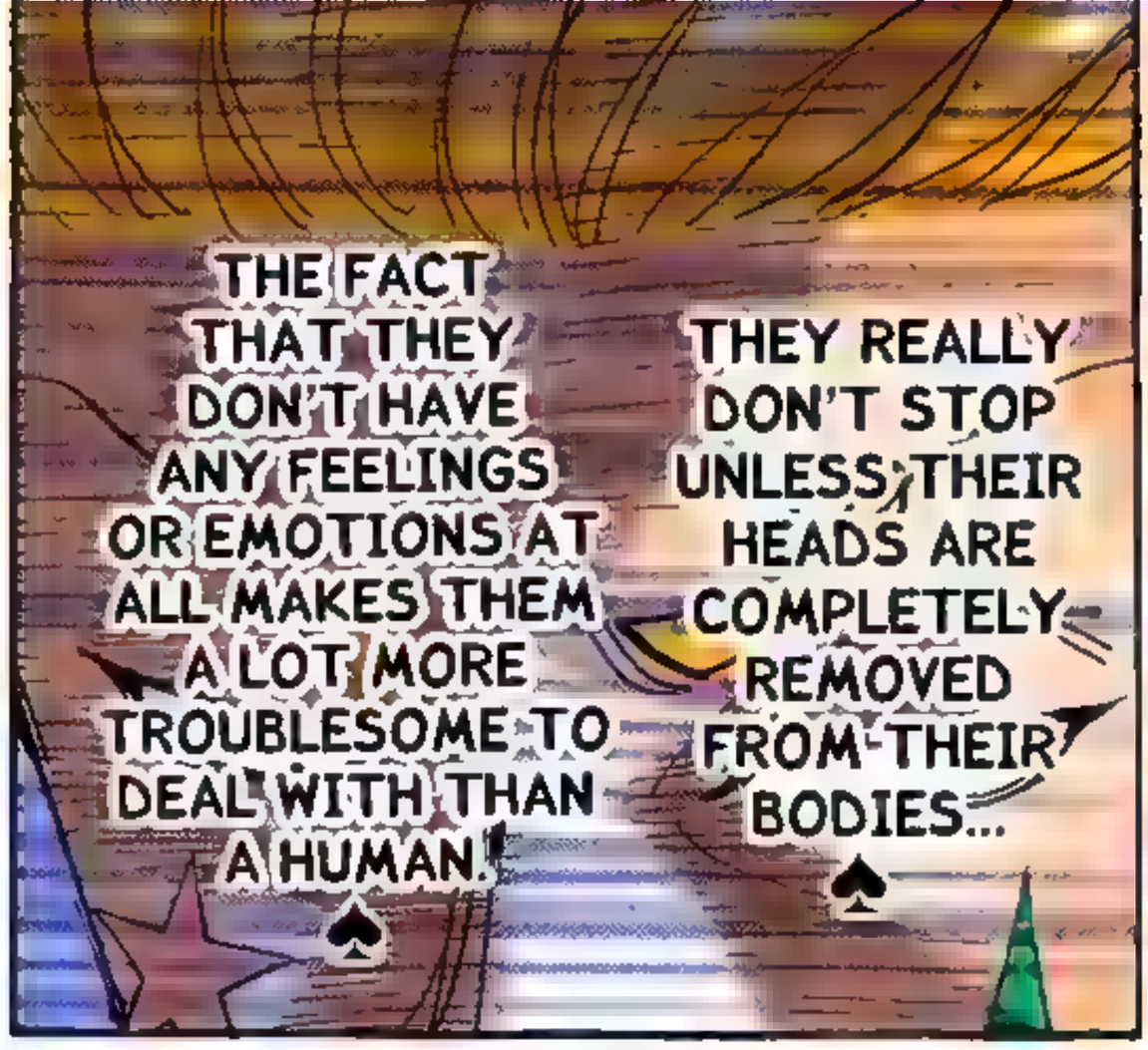
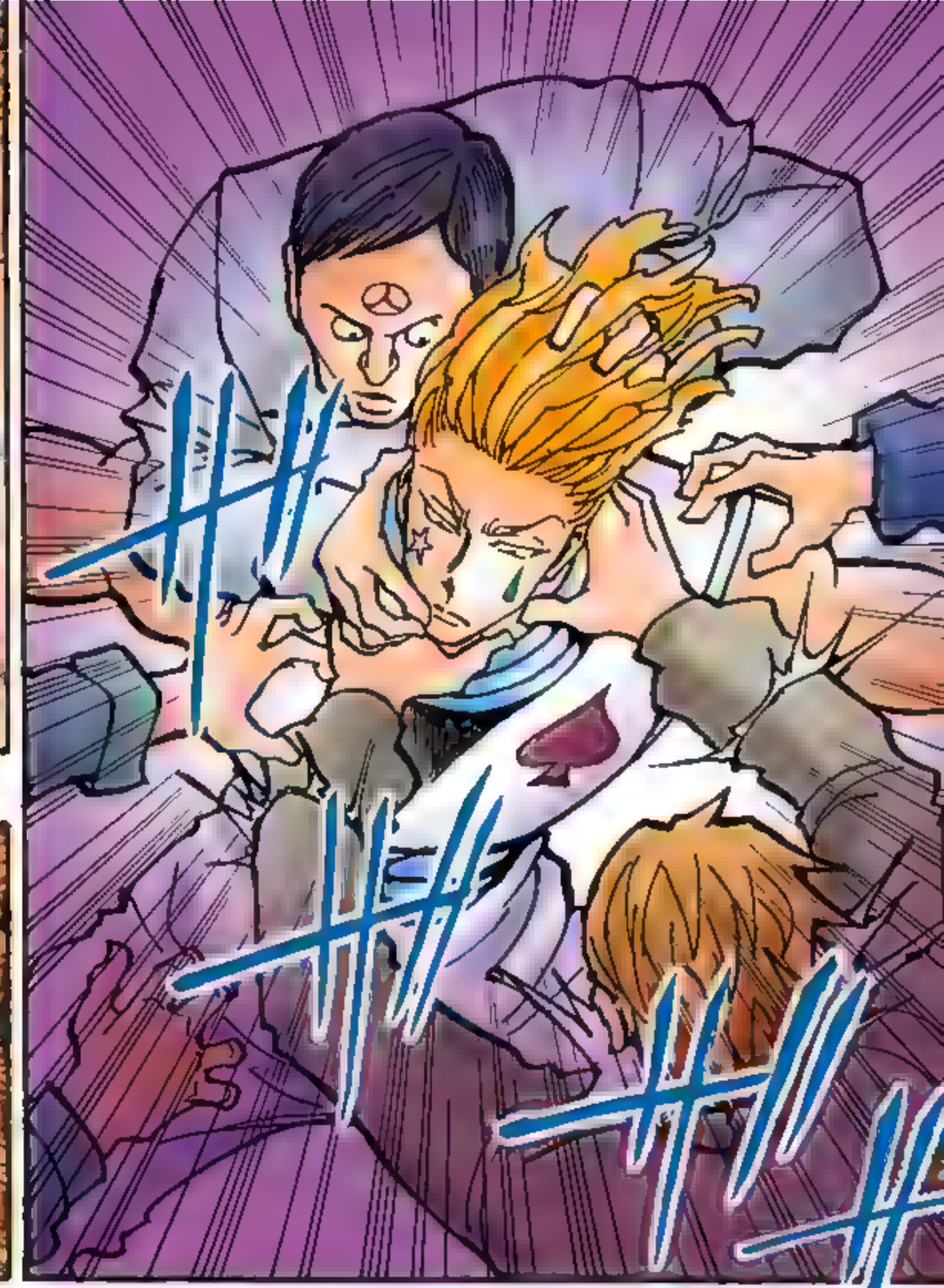
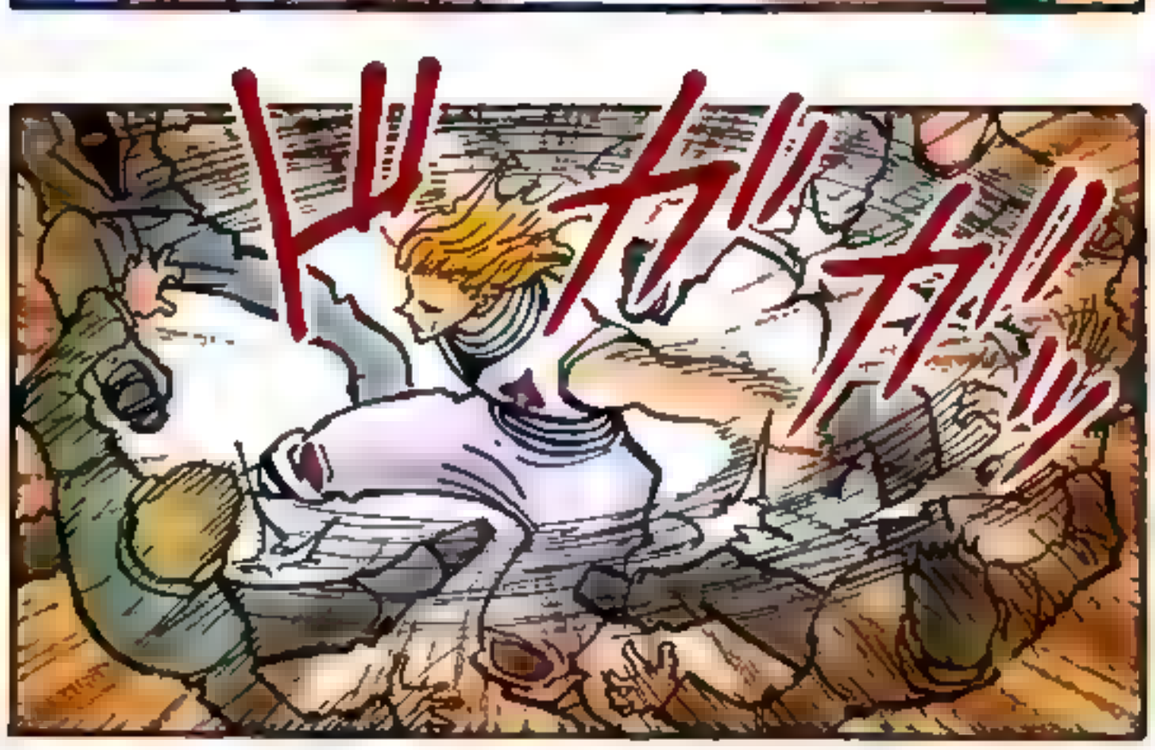
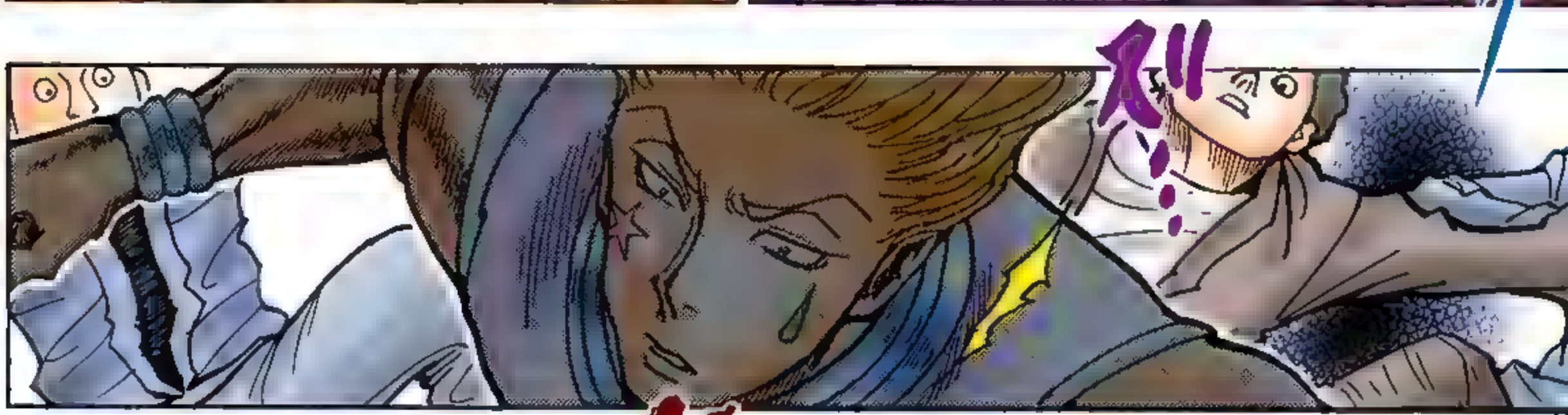
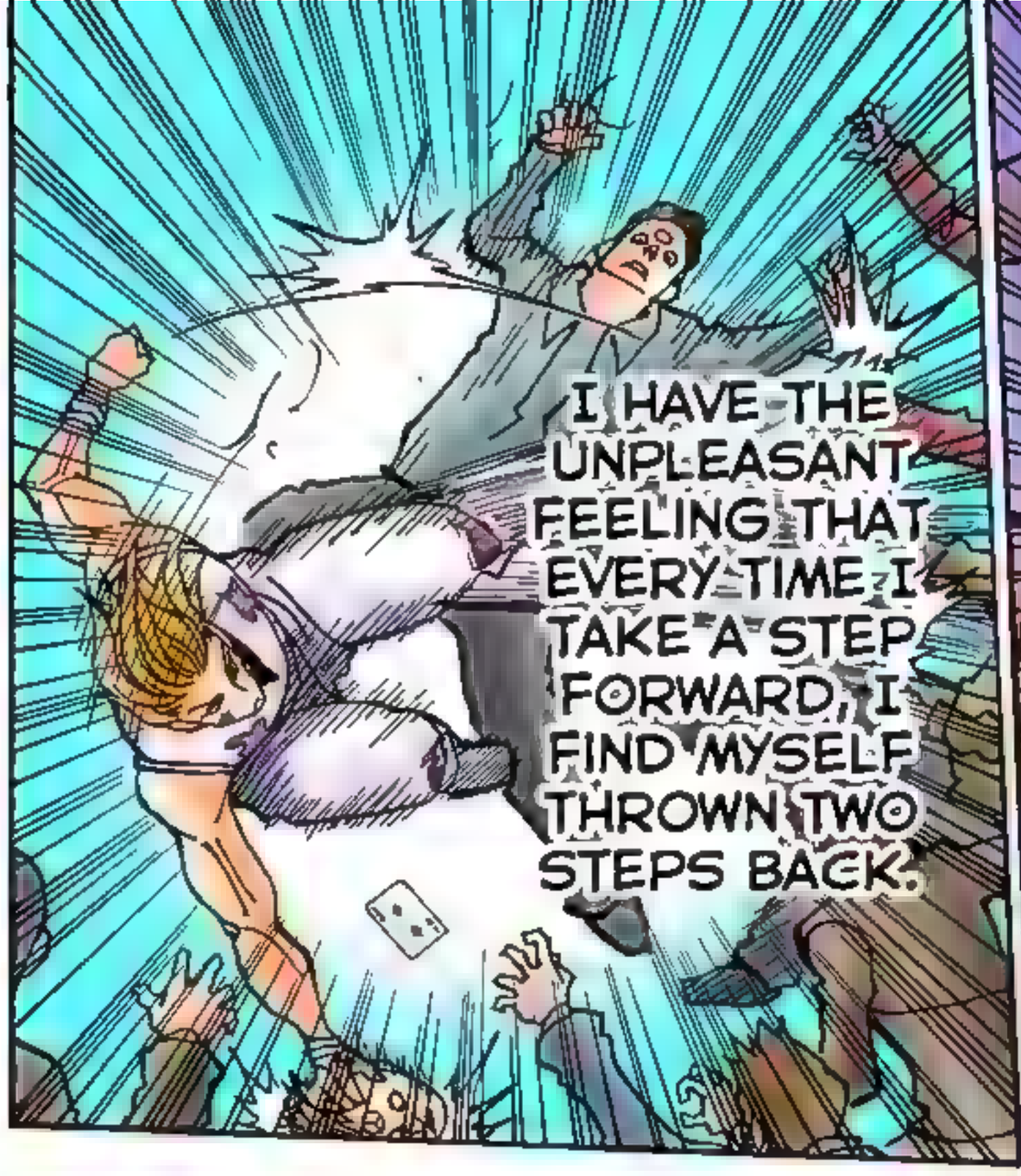

THE FACT THAT THEY DON'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS OR EMOTIONS AT ALL MAKES THEM A LOT MORE TROUBLESOME TO DEAL WITH THAN A HUMAN.
THEY REALLY DON'T STOP UNLESS THEIR HEADS ARE COMPLETELY REMOVED FROM THEIR BODIES...

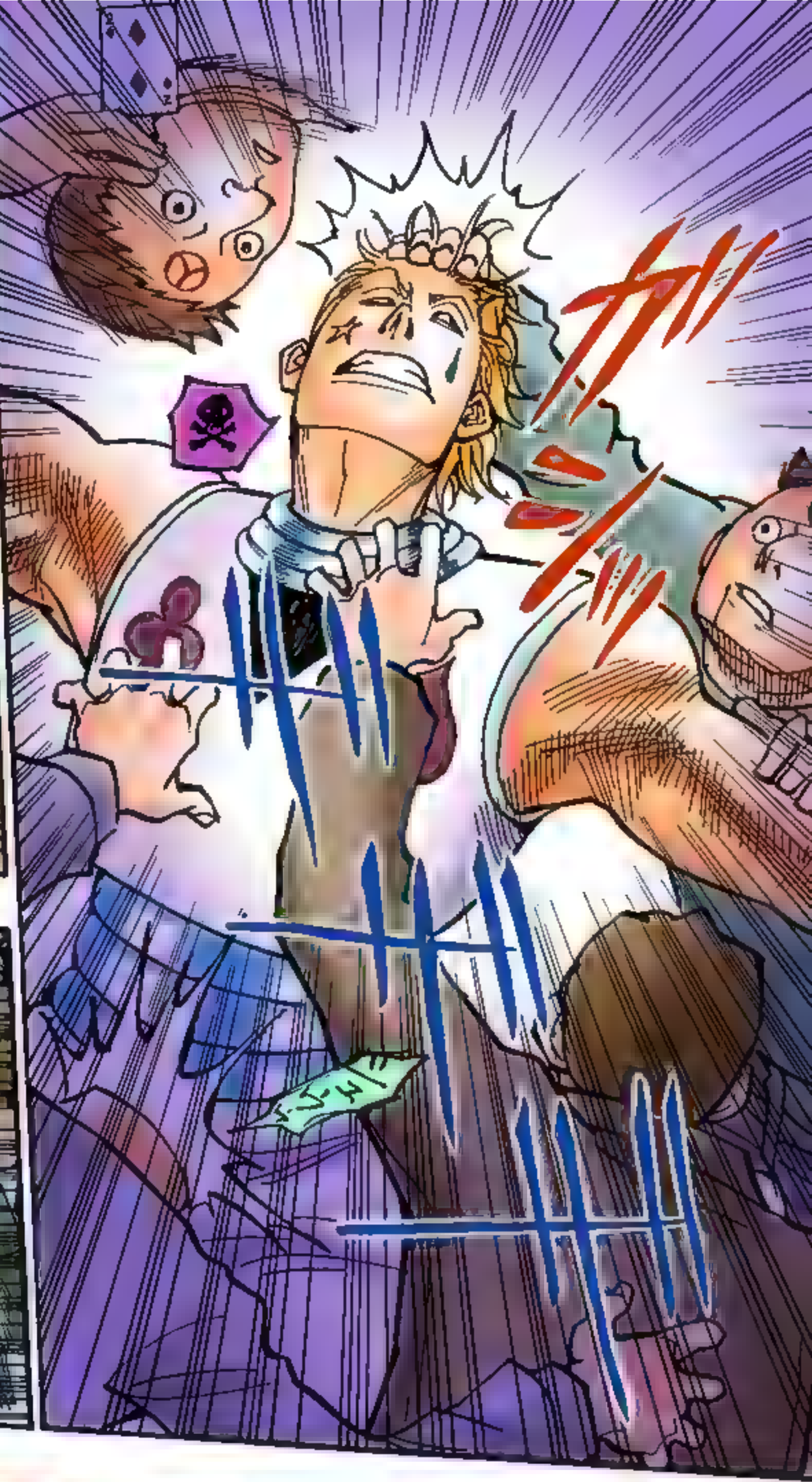


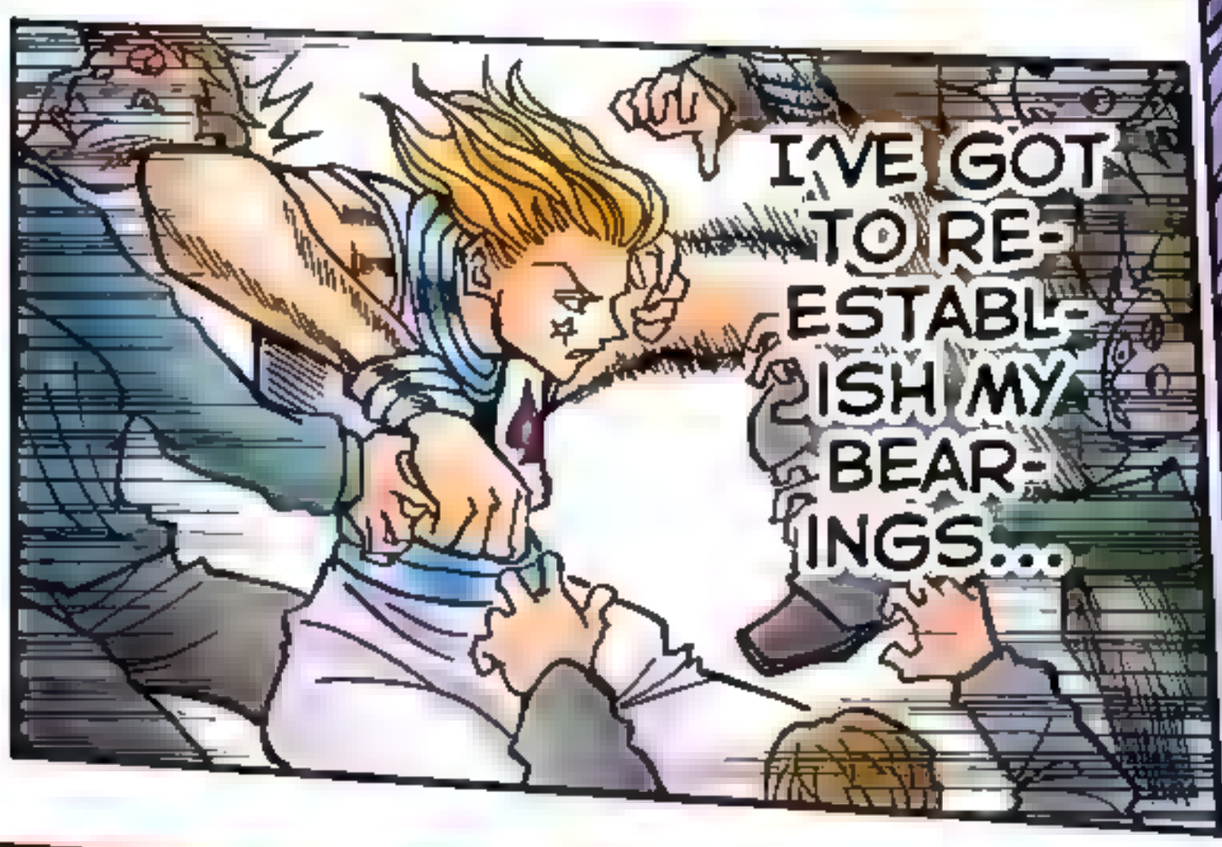




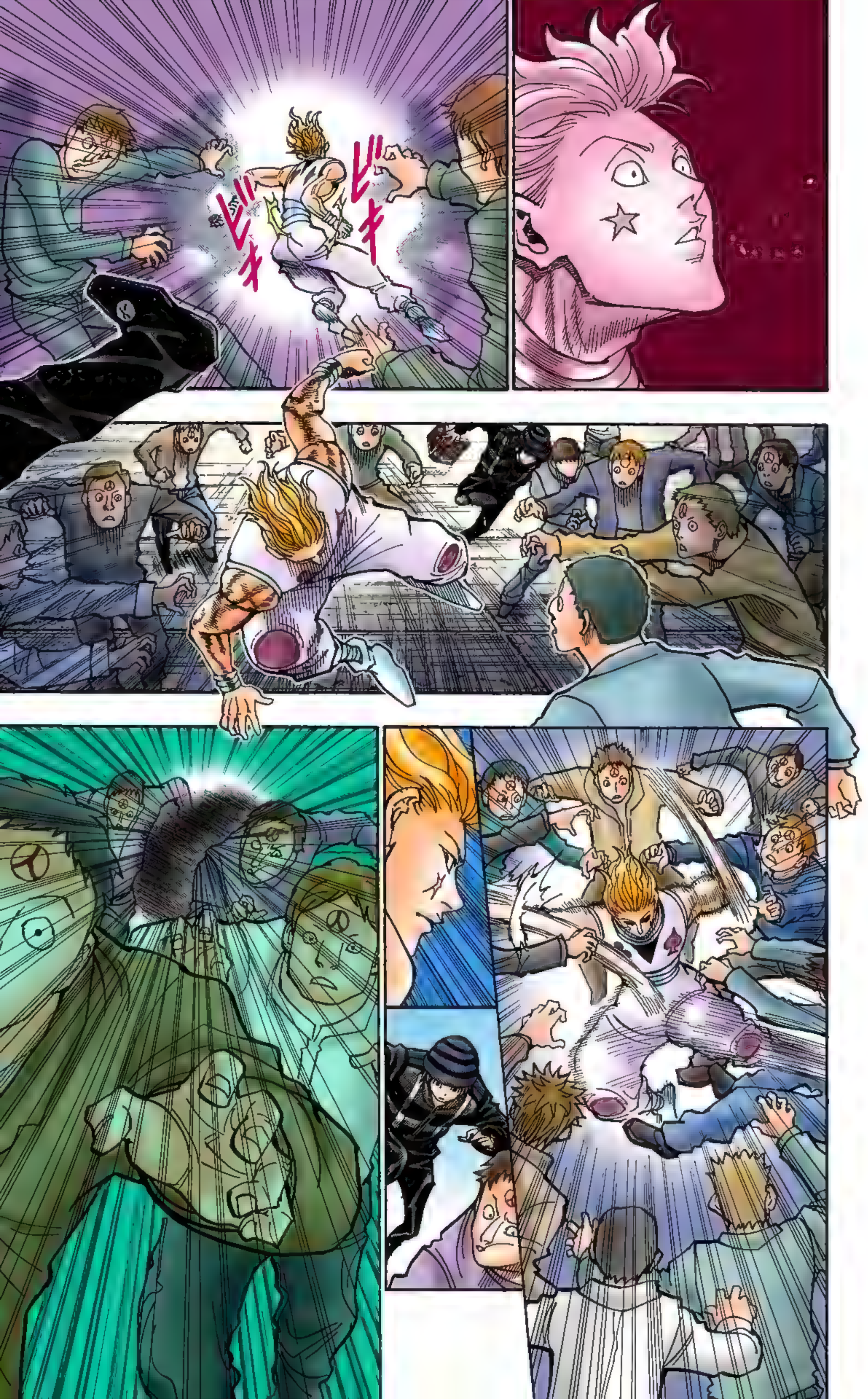
SUCH IMPASSIBILITY AND SUCH A DEGREE OF PERFIDY COMMAND RESPECT!
ON TOP OF THAT, HE'S SLOWLY TRYING TO DRIVE ME DEEPER INTO HIS CROWD OF PUPPETS...
REPEATING THE PROCESS UNTIL HE CAN STRIKE A FATAL BLOW... WHAT A MARVELOUS HIT AND RUN STRAGEDY.
HE'S PLAYING IT SAFE, WAITING IT OUT, LOOKING FOR MOMENTS WHERE HE'S ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN HE CAN LAND A HIT...!!
I'VE JUST GOT TO GRADUALLY GER RIG OF THEM ONE AT A TIME!
THIS MEANS THAT HE IS, IN ANY CASE, UNABLE TO CREATE OTHER PUPPETS WHILE HE CONTROLS THOSE!


I HAVE THE UNPLEASANT FEELING THAT EVERY TIME I TAKE A STEP FORWARD, I FIND MYSELF THROWN TWO STEPS BACK.




I'VE GOT TO RE-ESTABLISH MY BEARINGS...

AND THAT LEFT SOME SPACE FREE UP!!...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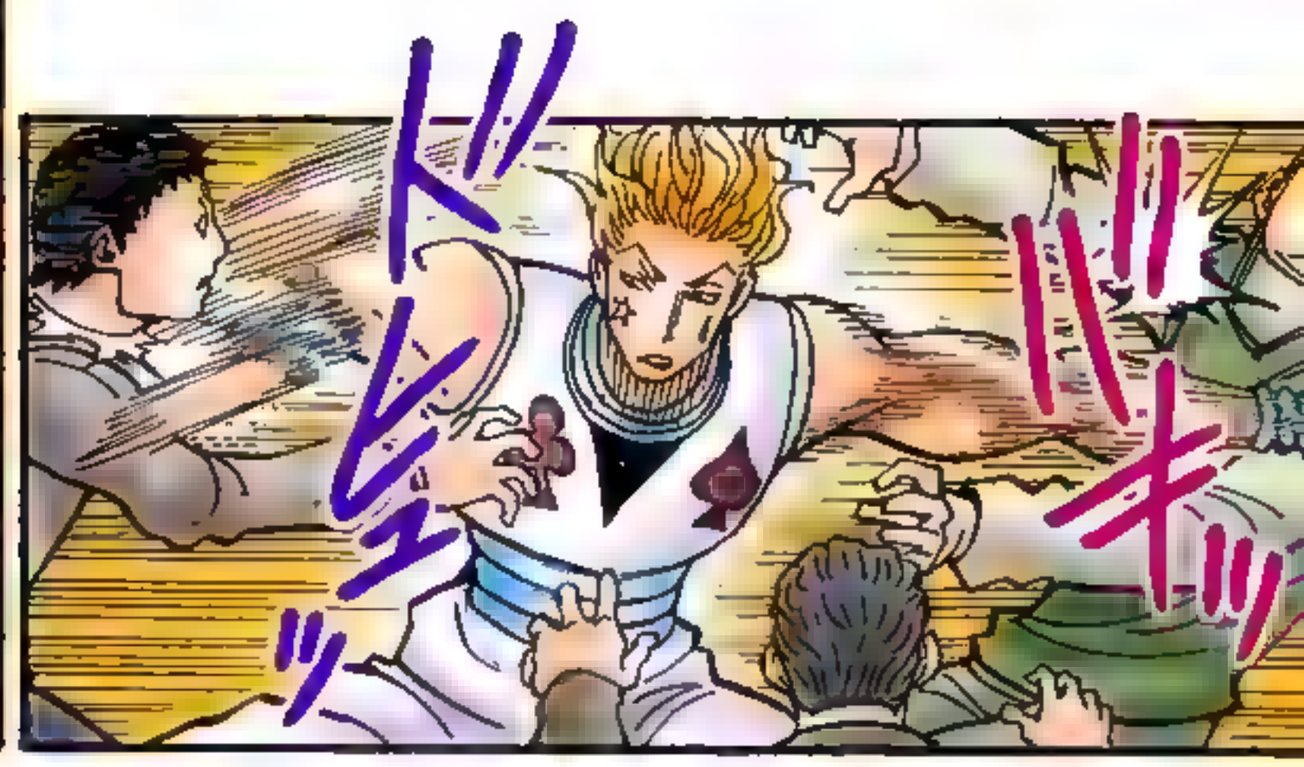
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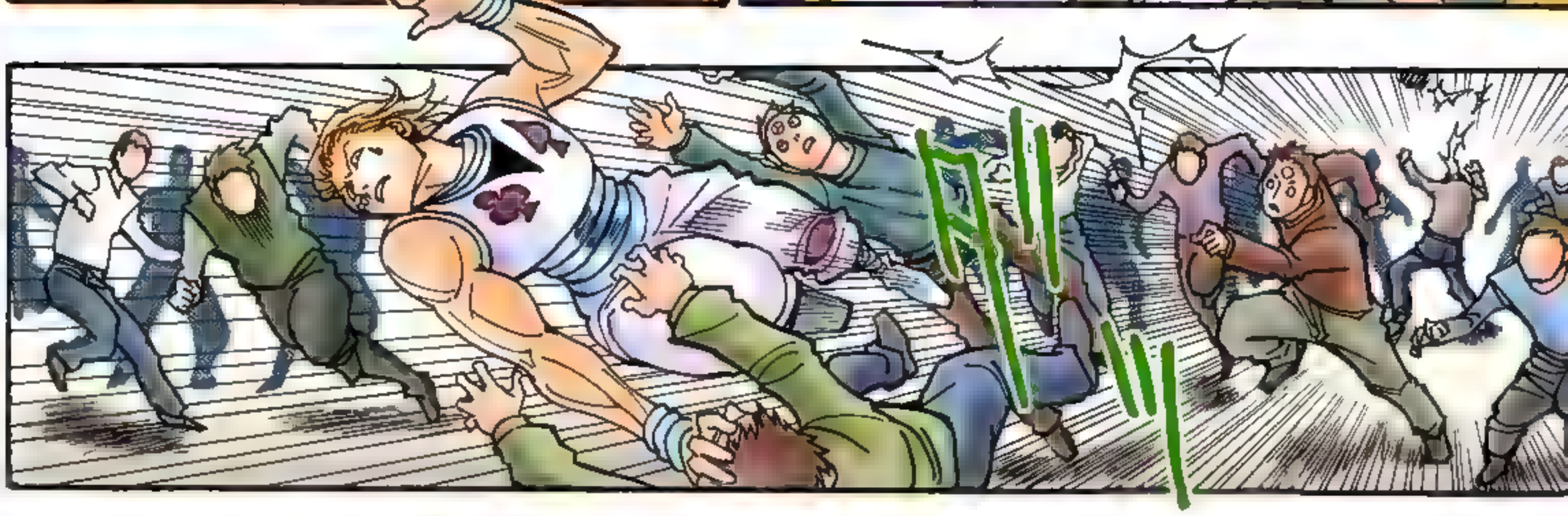
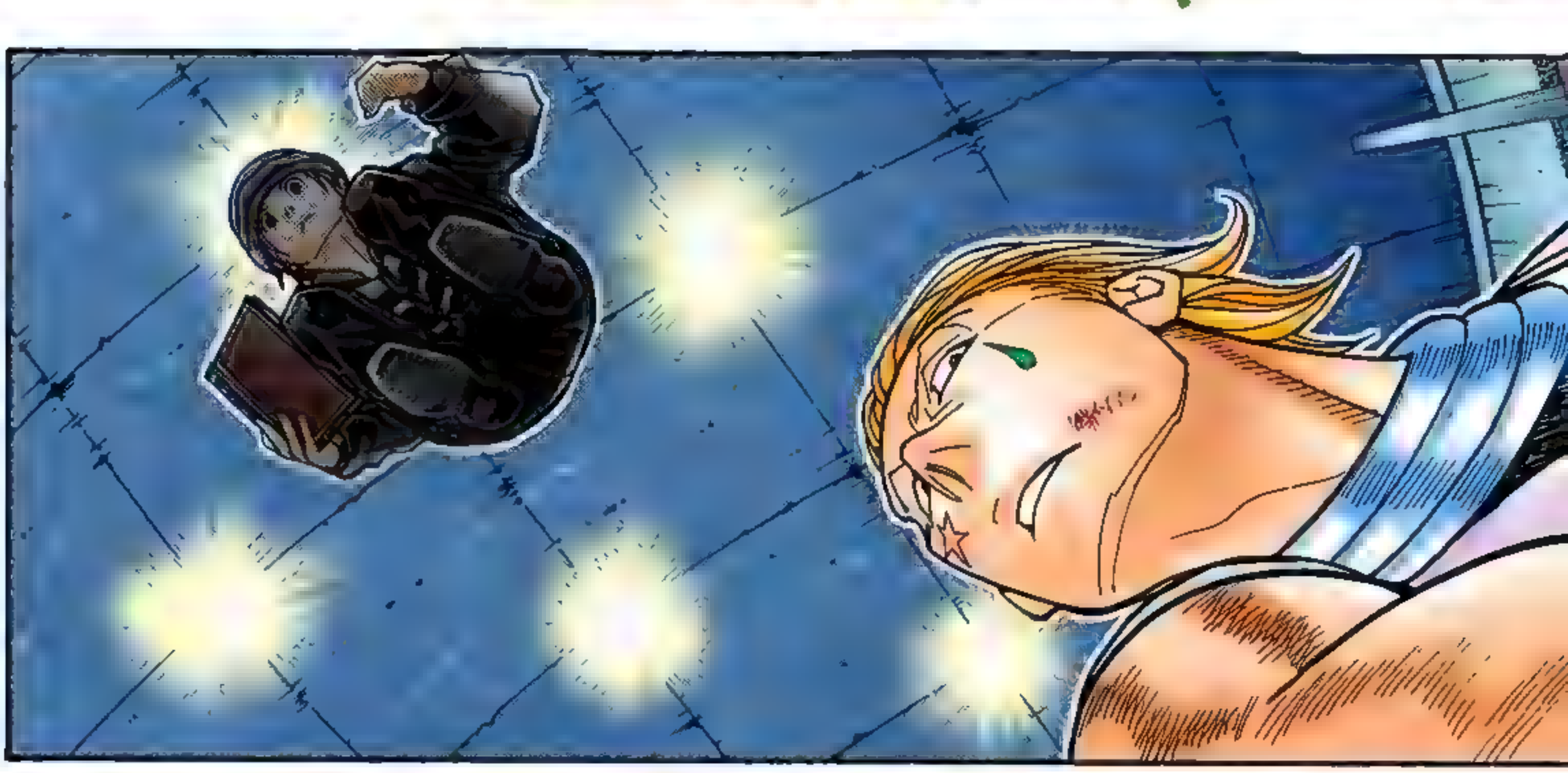
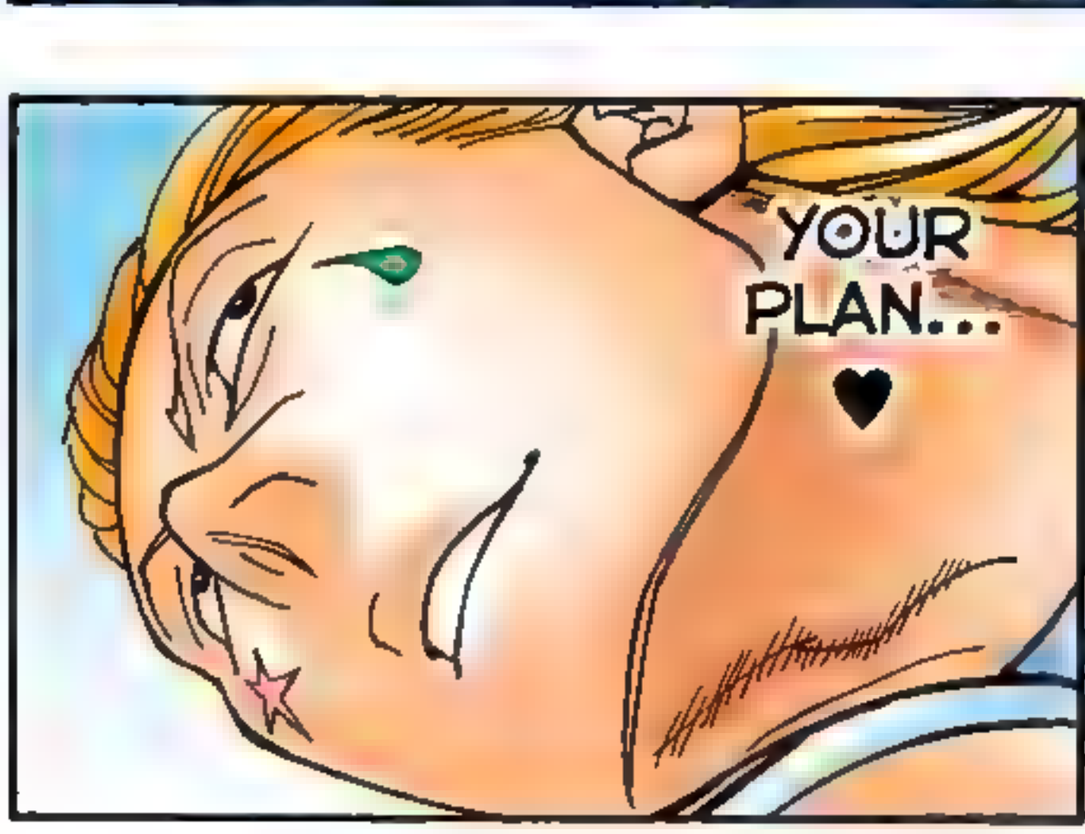
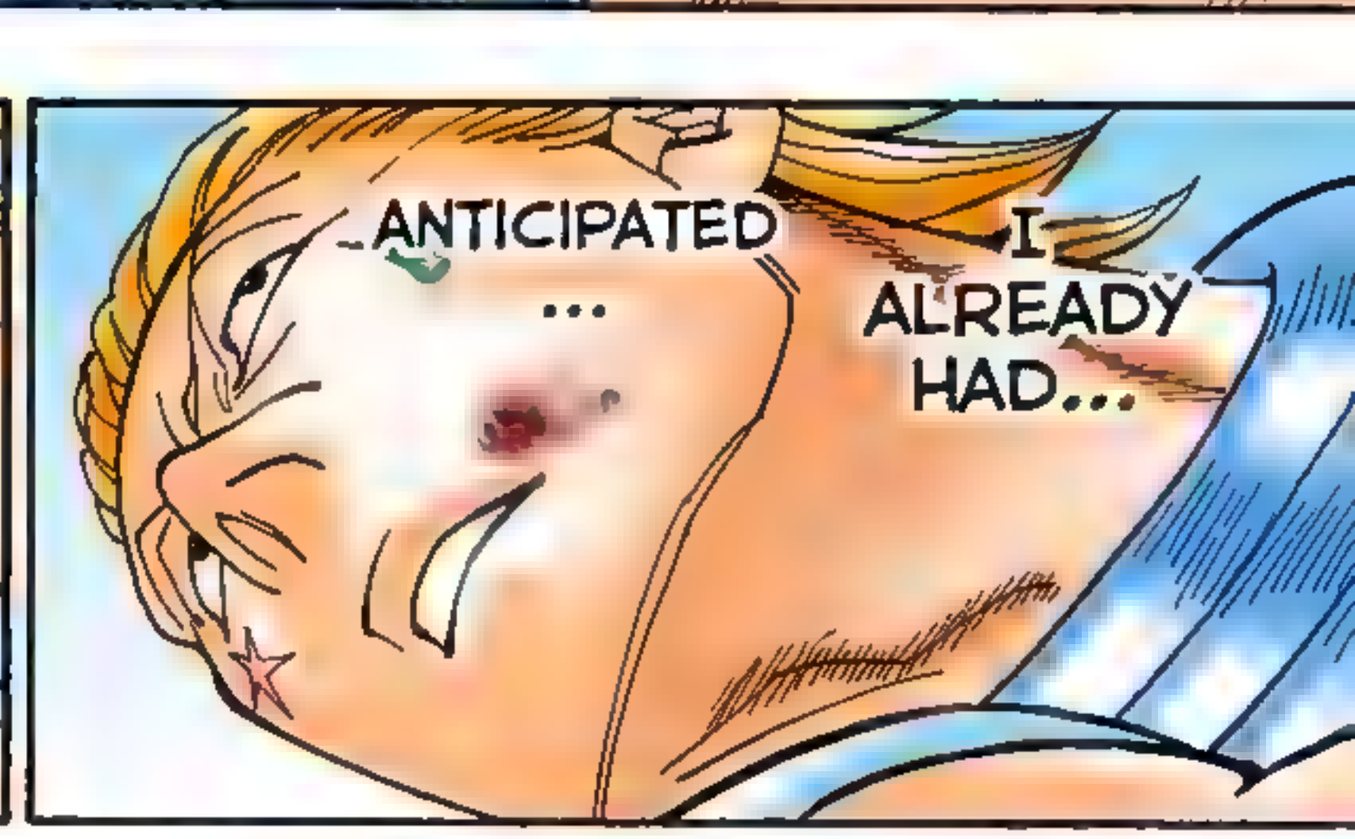
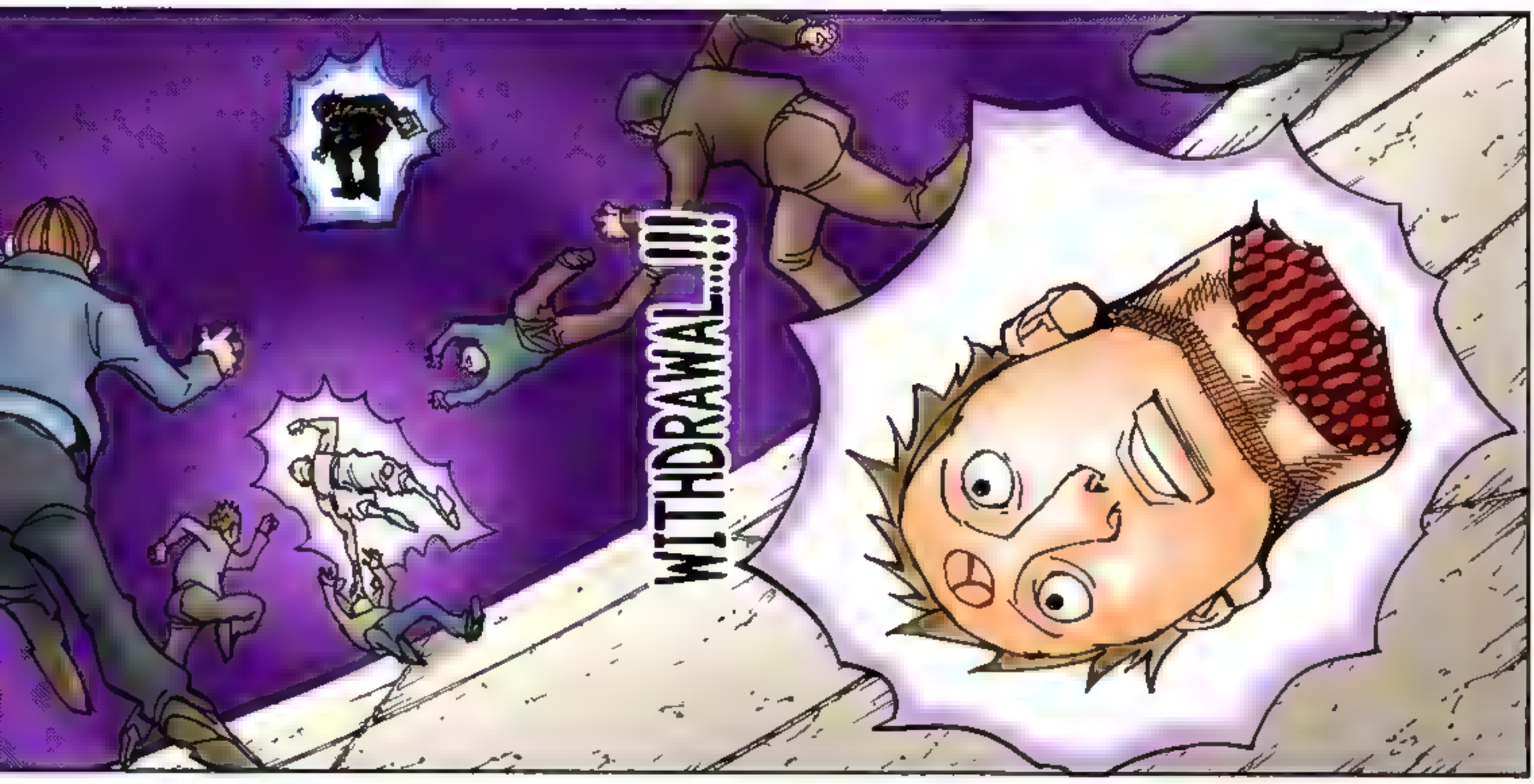


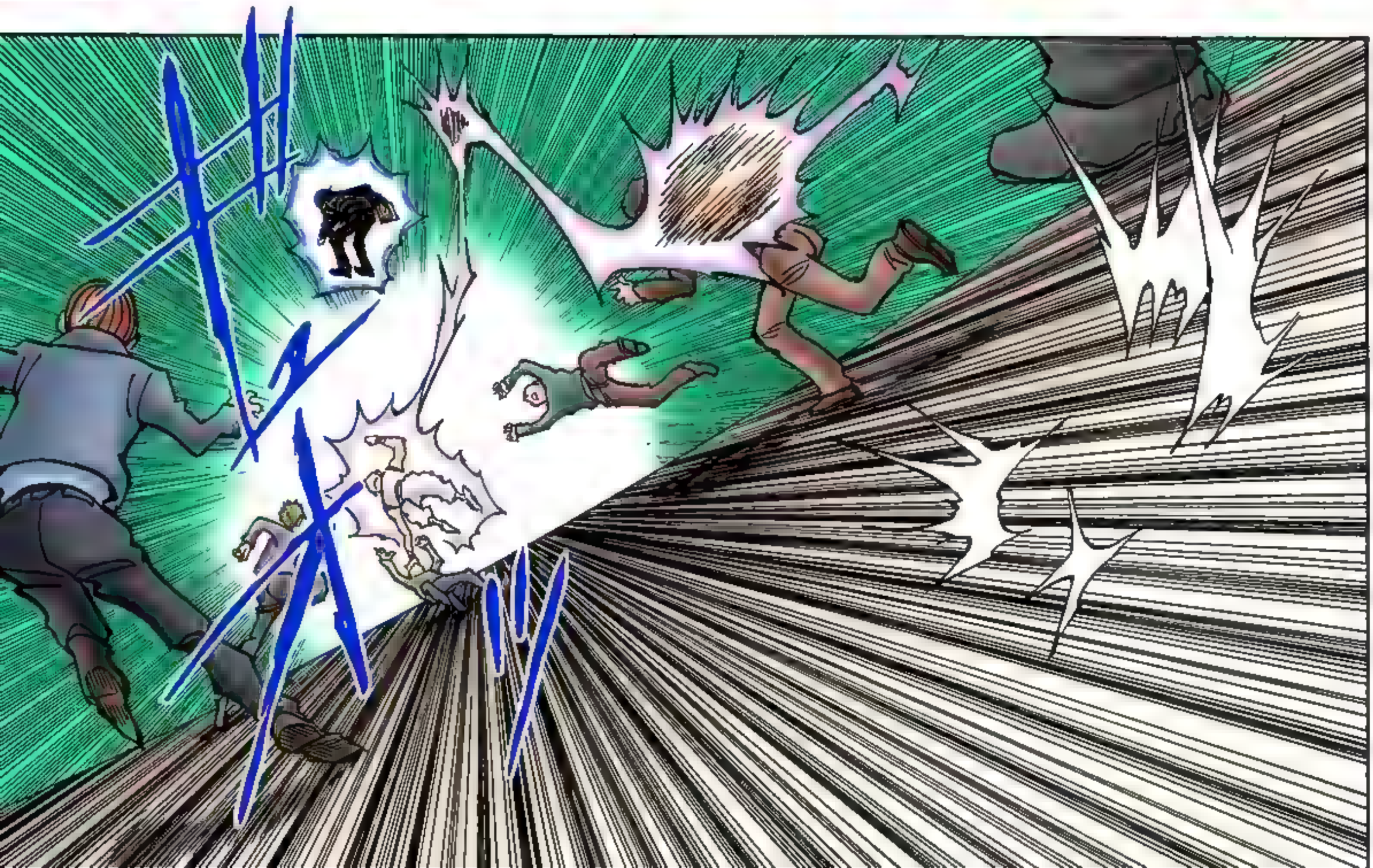



YOUR PLAN...


ANTICIPATED ...
I ALREADY HAD...

"BUNGEE GUM"... ACTIVATION.





I SAW YOU SET THAT WHOLE MOVE UP.

I KNOW.

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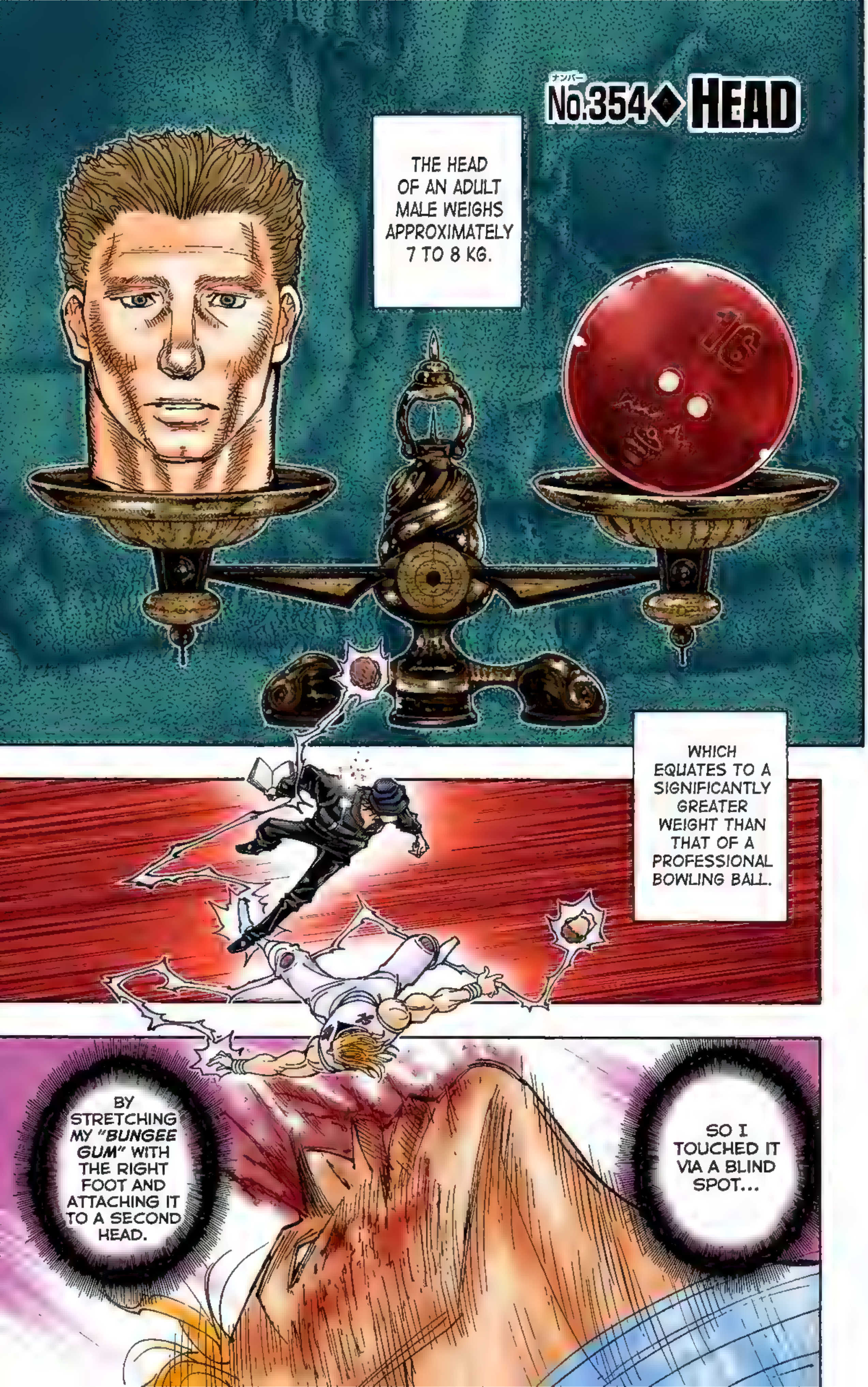
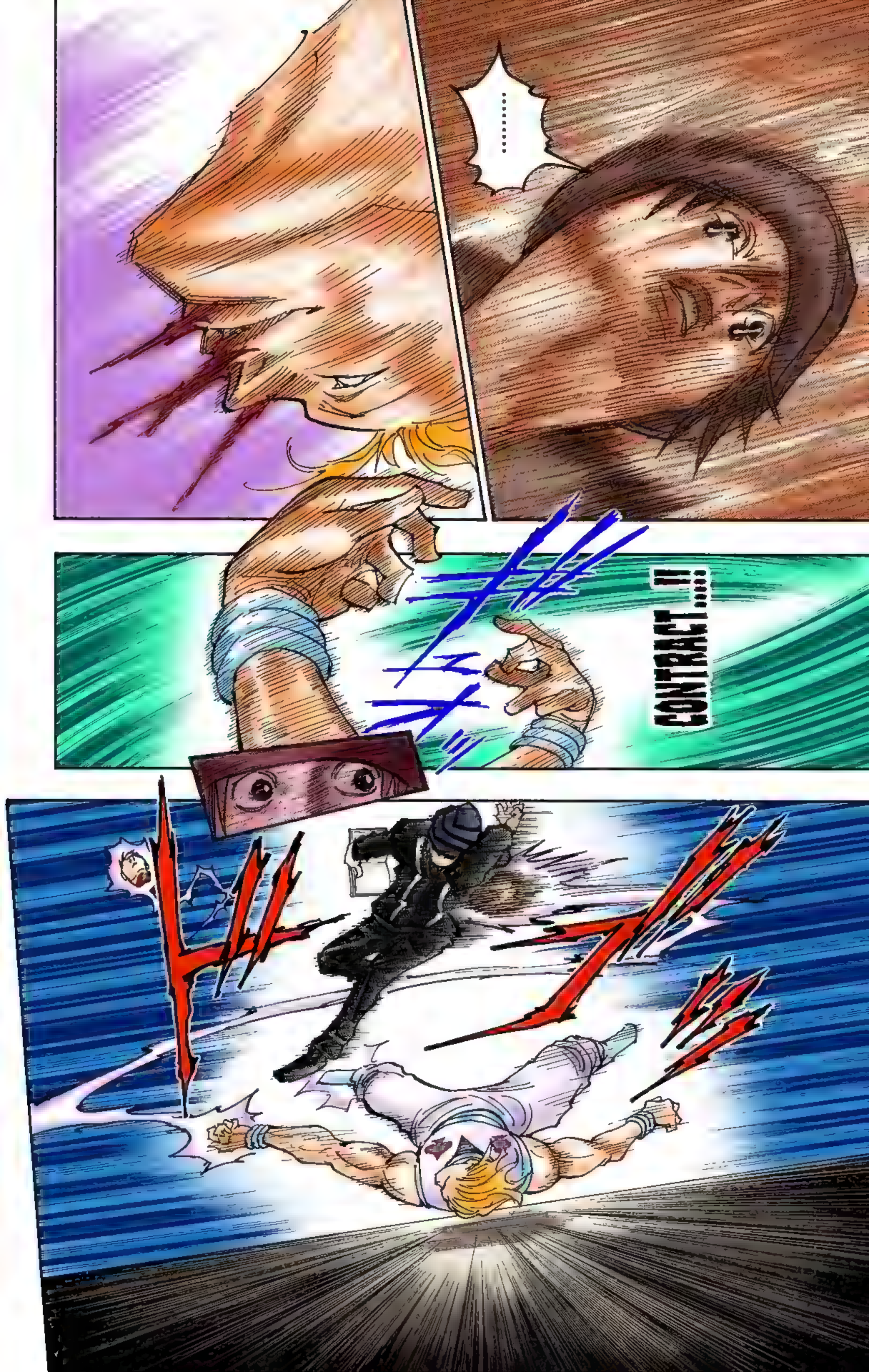
No.354 ◆ HEAD


THE HEAD OF AN ADULT MALE WEIGHS APPROXIMATELY 7 TO 8 KG.
WHICH EQUATES TO A SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER WEIGHT THAN THAT OF A PROFESSIONAL BOWLING BALL.
BY STRETCHING MY "BUNGEE GUM" WITH THE RIGHT FOOT AND ATTACHING IT TO A SECOND HEAD.
SO I TOUCHED IT VIA A BLIND SPOT...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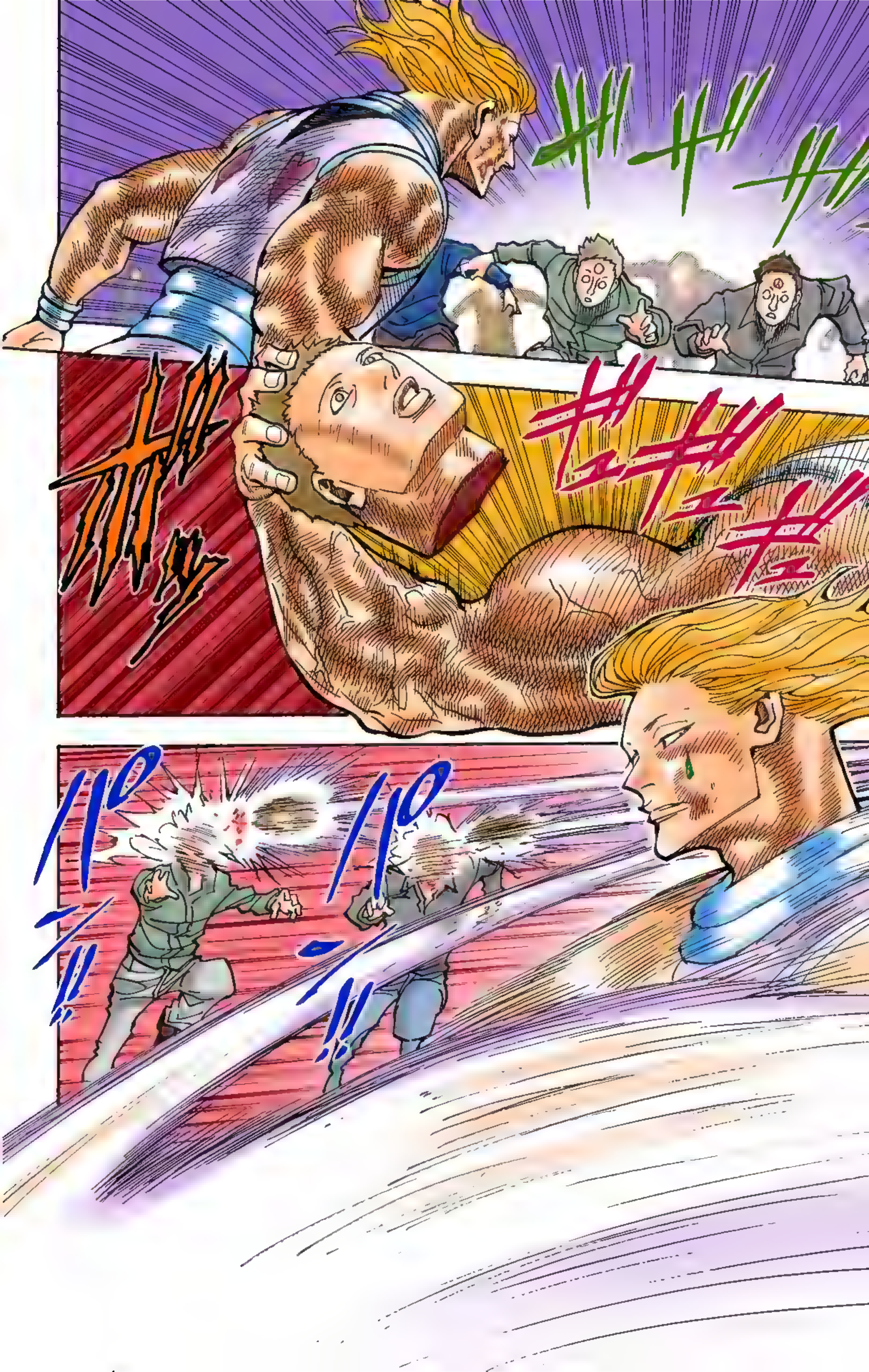
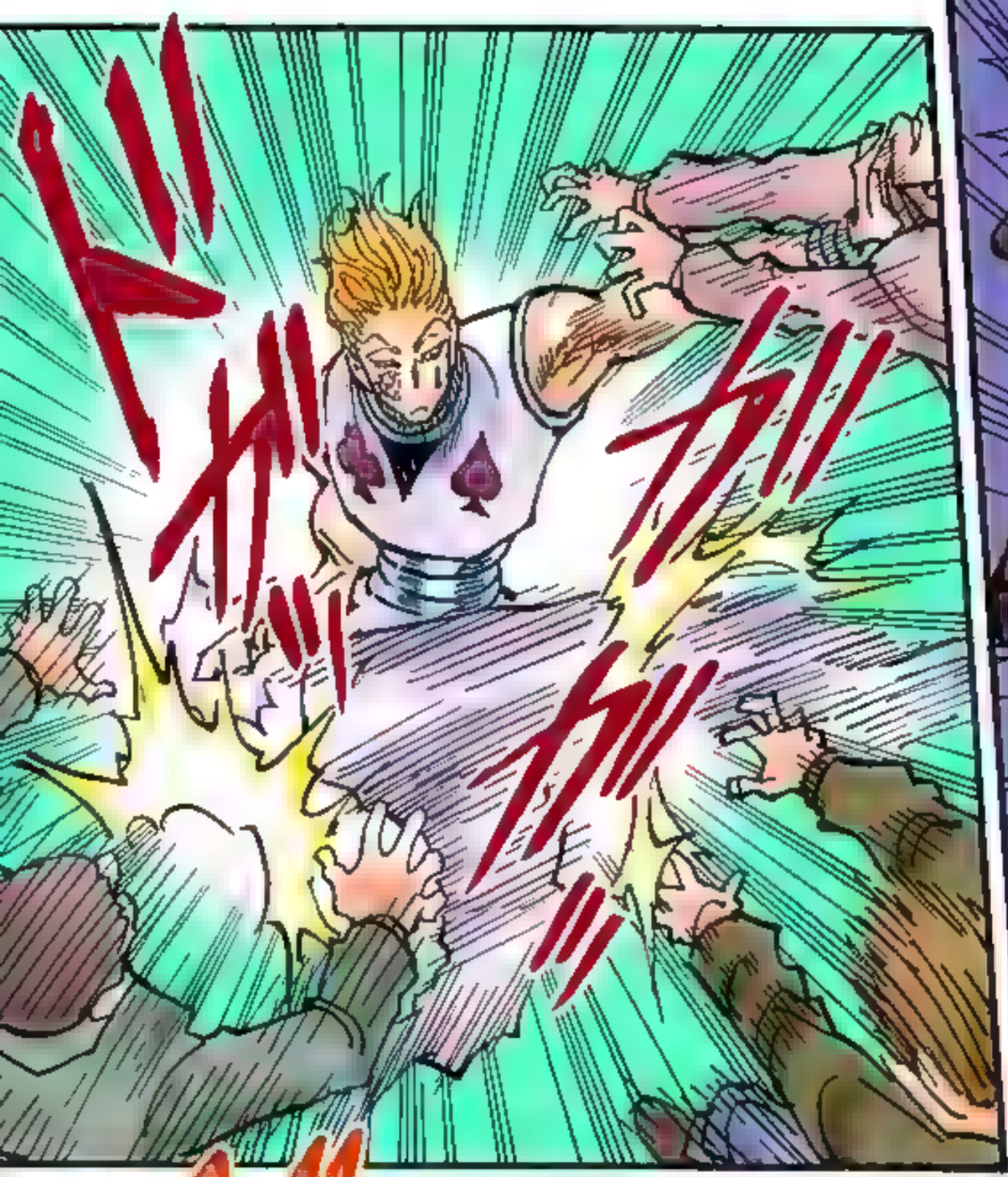
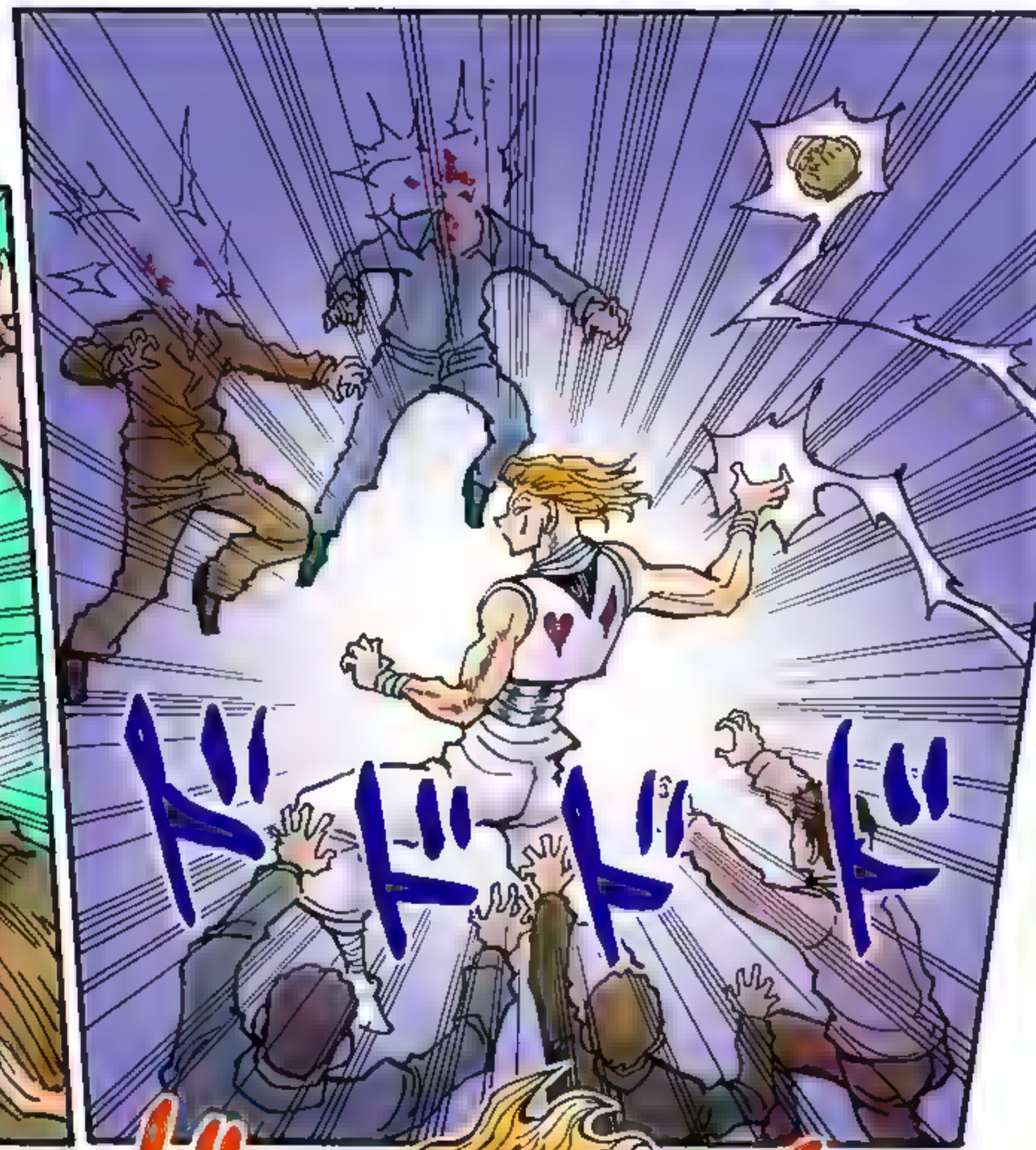
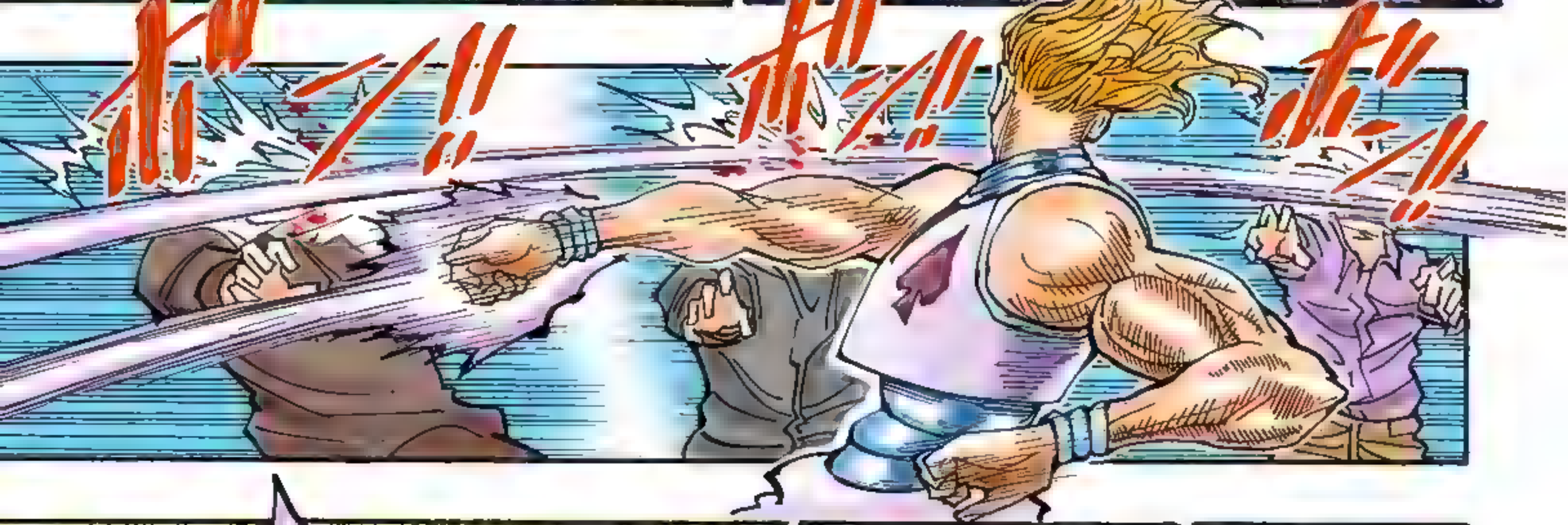
CONTRACT...

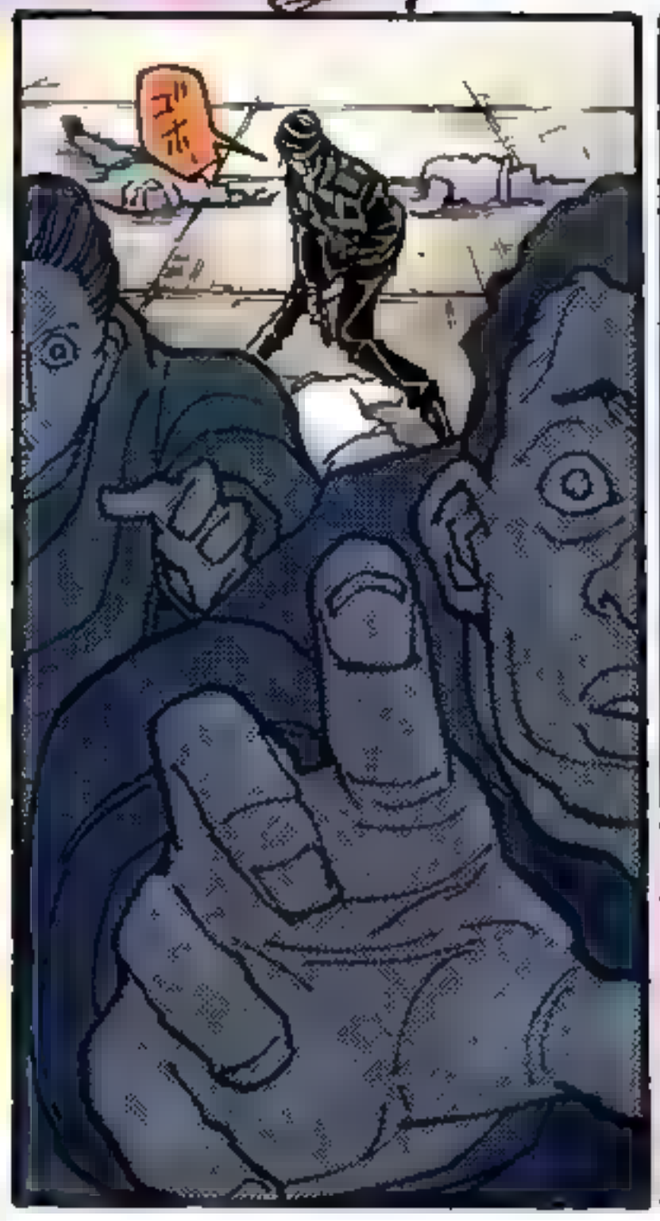
YOU DID NOT GIVE UP...
...HOW REMARK-ABLE...
EVEN AFTER THAT...
THE CROWD IS GOING WILD! THE REFEREE IS DEAD! EVENTS TAKE A COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED TURN!!
CHROLLO IS NOW COVERED IN BLOOD!
HISOKA MANAGED TO COUNTER-ATTACK...!!







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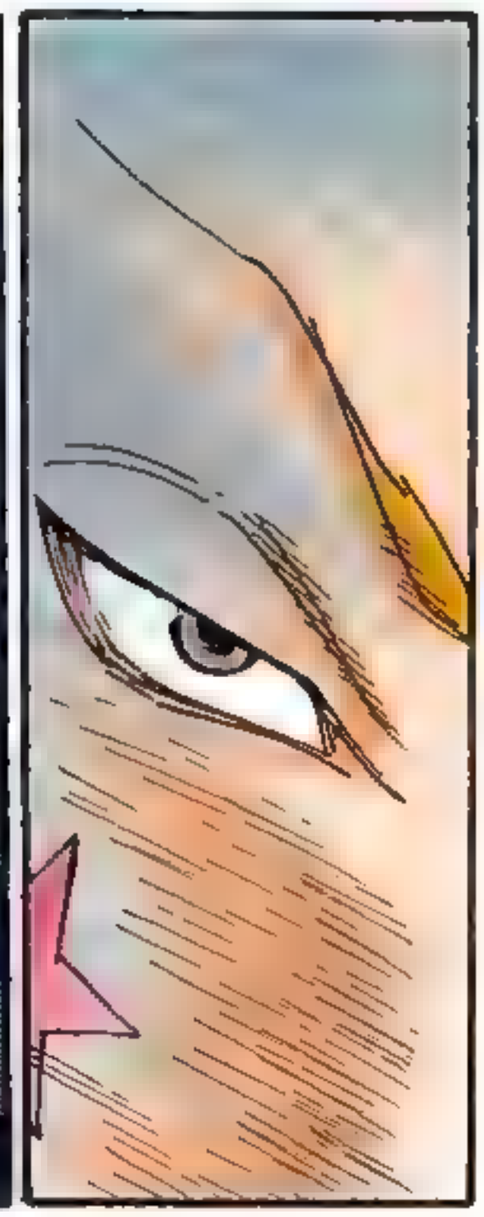

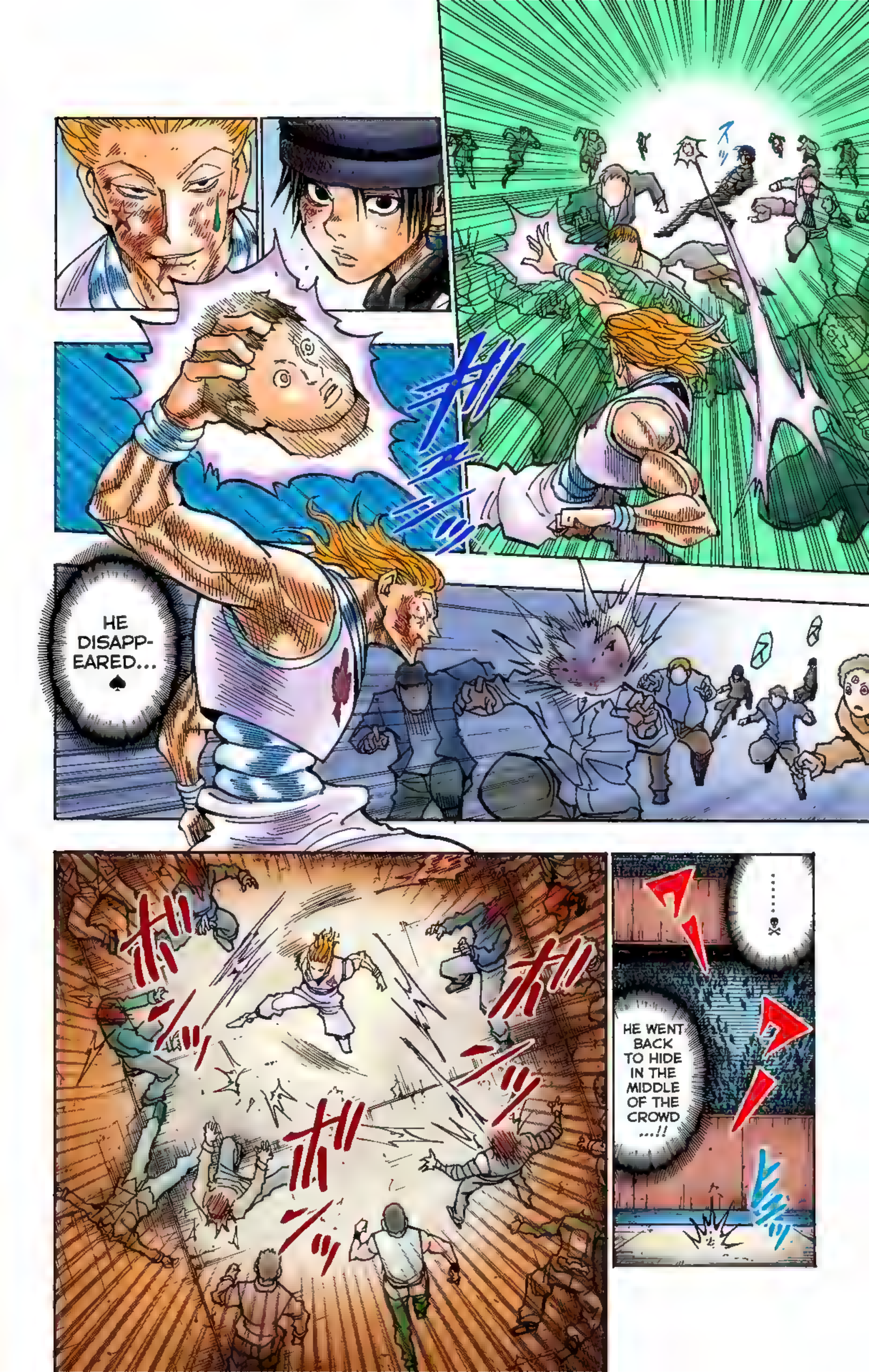
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HE DISAPP-EARED...
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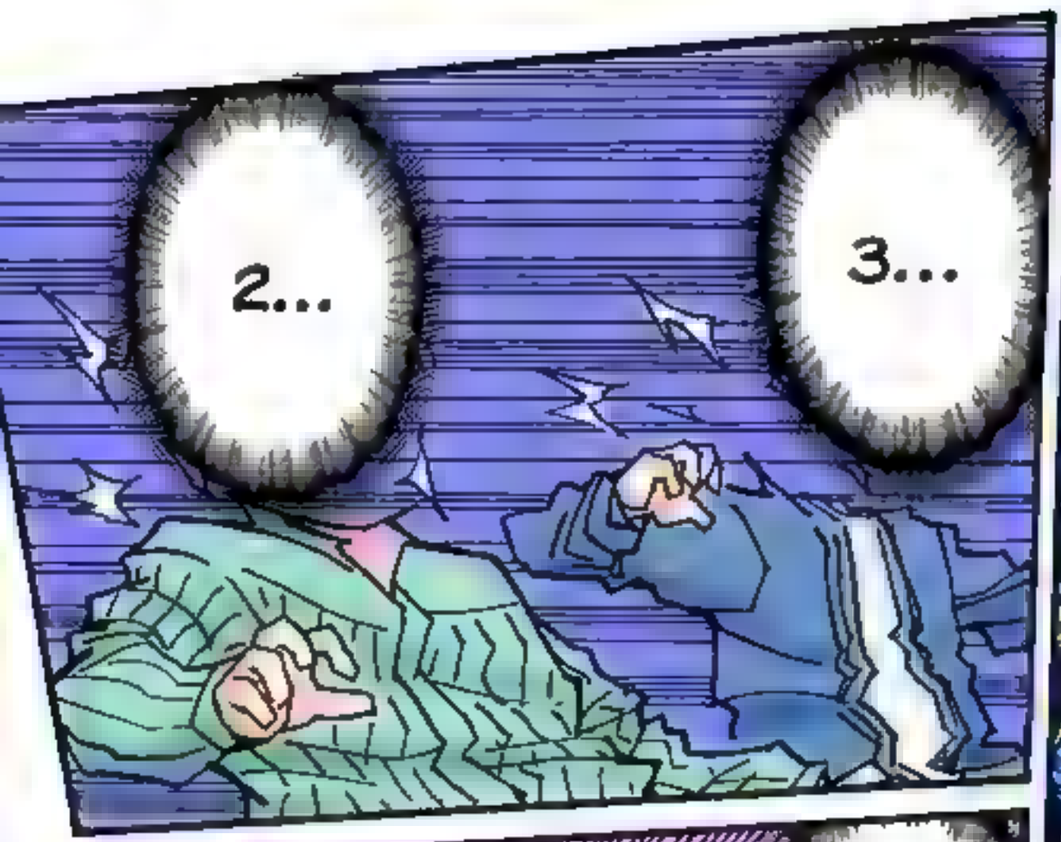
HE WENT BACK TO HIDE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CROWD ...!!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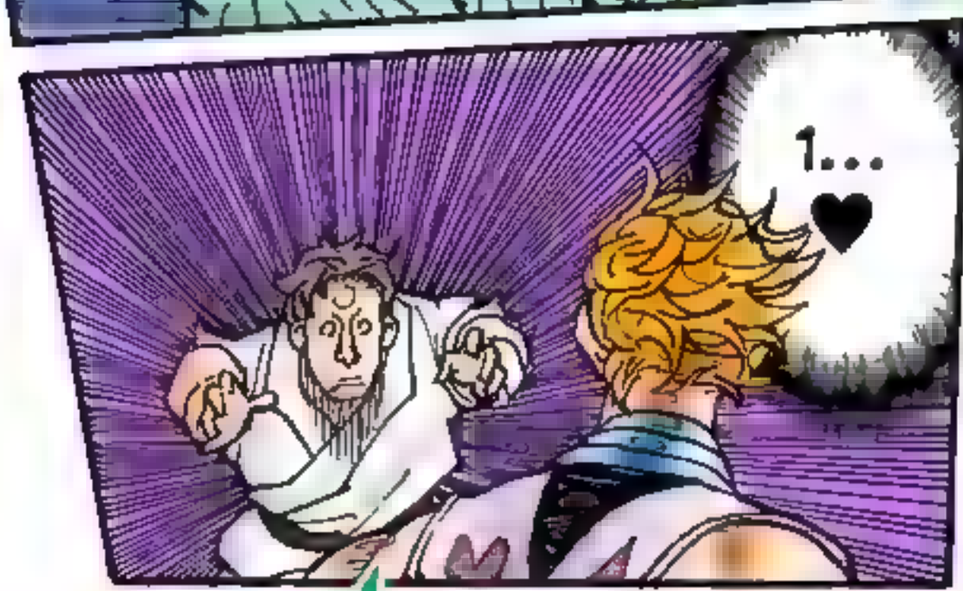
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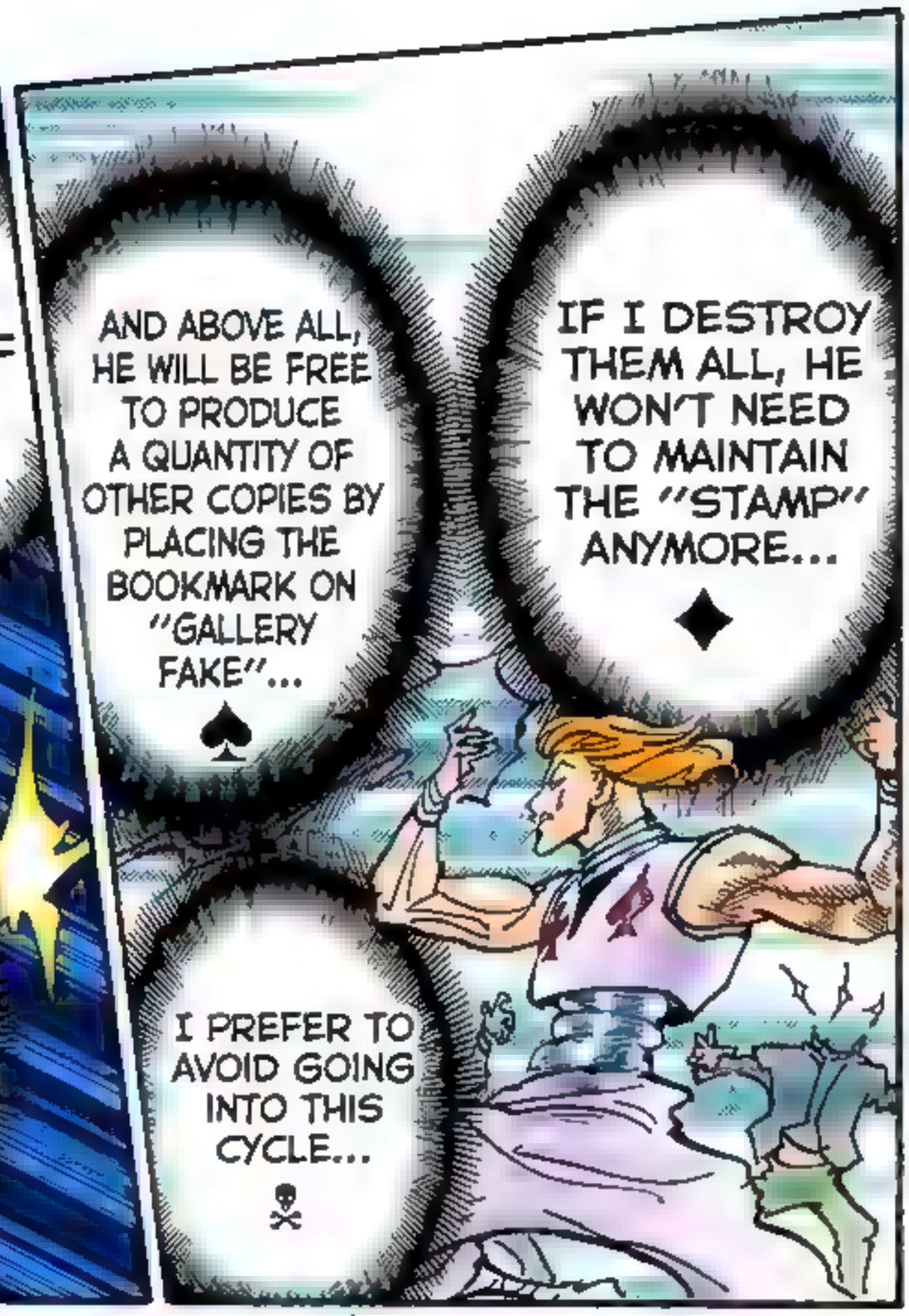
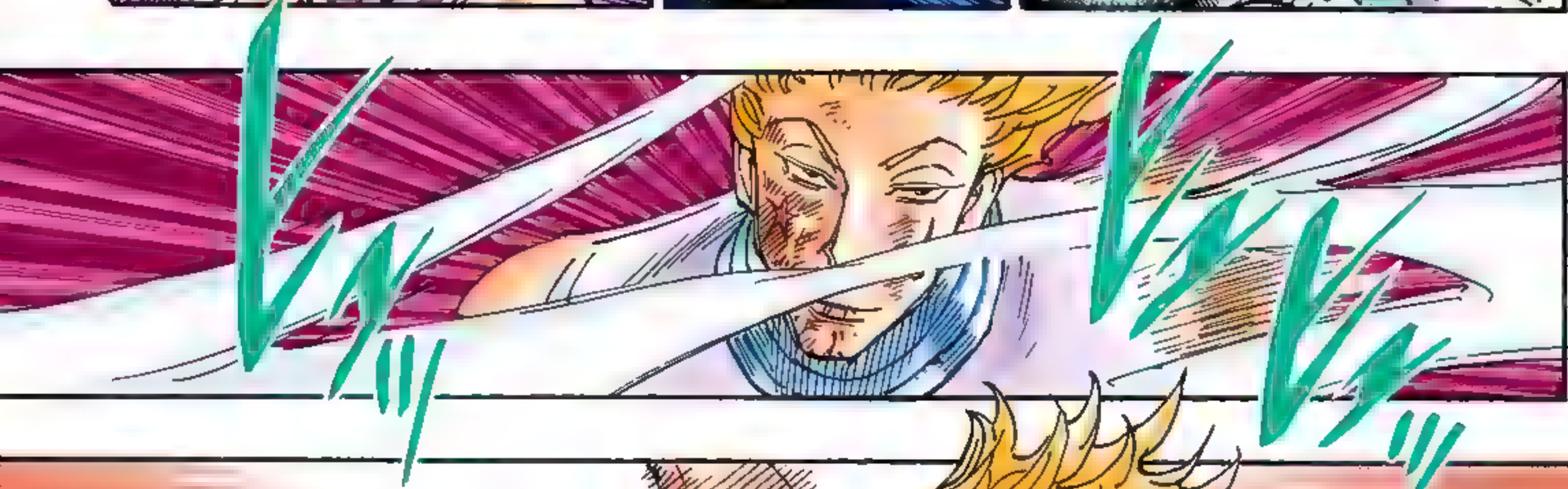

AND ABOVE ALL, HE WILL BE FREE TO PRODUCE A QUANTITY OF OTHER COPIES BY PLACING THE BOOKMARK ON "GALLERY FAKE"...
IF I DESTROY THEM ALL, HE WON'T NEED TO MAINTAIN THE "STAMP" ANYMORE...
I PREFER TO AVOID GOING INTO THIS CYCLE...



WILL LIKELY BE...
HIS NEXT MOVE ...
AS LONG AS THE STAMP ON THIS GUY HASN'T DISAPPEARED, THAT LIMITS CHROLLO'S POSSIBLE ACTIONS...!
(1) EITHER TO GIVE OTHER ORDERS TO THE PUPPETS WHO ARE STILL ON STAND-BY...
(2) EITHER CANCEL THE "STAMP" AND CREATE NEW PUPPETS VIA "GALLERY FAKE" WHICH WOULD GIVE HIM TWO OPTIONS.
(A) GIVE NEW ORDERS USING "STAMP".
(B) OR USE THE LEFT HAND OF "CONVERT HANDS", TO ALLOW IT TO CHANGE APPEARANCE.
BUT OPTION (2) IS EVEN MORE POSSIBLE!! THE MORE SOLDIERS HE HAS, THE BETTER.
AND BY GOING WITH (B) AFTER TRANSFORMING, HE CAN BLEND BACK INTO THE CROWD, STEAL SOMEONE'S CLOTHES, AND COMPLETE HIS DISGUISE...THAT'S BY FAR THE BEST OPTION...!!
IF GOES FOR OPTION (1) ACCORDING TO MY ESTIMATIONS, THERE SHOULD BE AROUND 50 OR MORE PUPPET COPIES LEFT!! IN ORDER TO SECURE A CERTAIN VICTORY, IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY THAT CHROLLO WILL CONTINUE WITH THE SAME PLAN OF ATTACK, CHIPPING AWAY AT MY STAMINA AND AURA!!
OPTION (1) IS QUITE POSSIBLE! AFTER ALL, I'VE ONLY HAD TAKEN SUPERFICIAL INJURIES SO FAR ...♣
SO HE'S GONE WITH OPTION (2)...!!
THE "ORDER STAMP" ON HIS FOREHEAD JUST VANISHED...!
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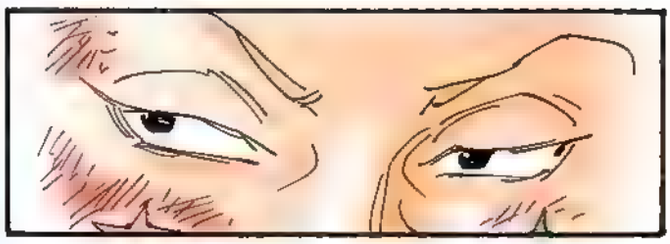
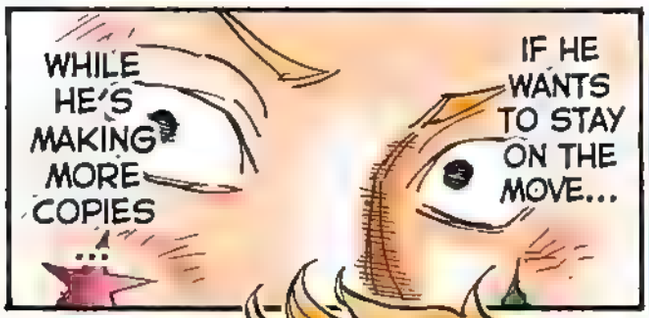


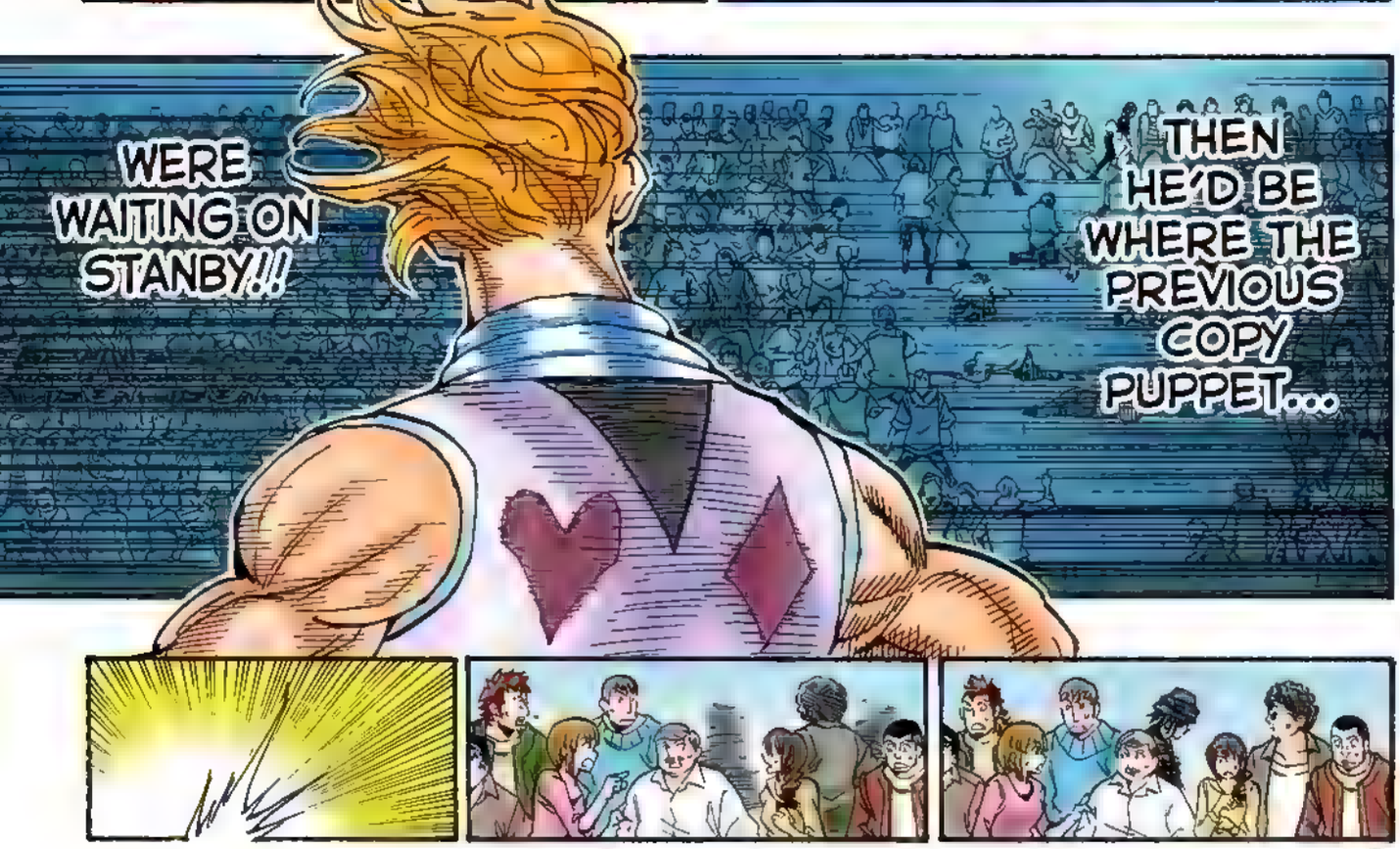
FINDING CHROLLO IN THIS CROWD AFTER HE'S TURNED INTO SOMEONE ELSE WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT...

BUT WHAT IF HE GOES WITH OPTION (B) AND USES "CONVERT HANDS" THE MOMENT HE'S DONE WITH MAKING COPIES?!

SINCE HE STILL HAS HIS BOOKMARK ON "GALLERY FAKE", CHROLLO WILL BE ABLE TO ACTIVATE IT WITHOUT NEEDING THE BOOK IN HIS HANDS WHILE HE STAYS HIDDEN...

BUT HE'S LIKELY TO CAUSE A SCENE IF HE'S SPOTTED IN THE AUDIENCE LOOKING THE WAY HE DOES RIGHT NOW, CREATING TONS OF COPIES... SO HE RISKS ME FINDING HIM.





...AND TO BE ABLE TO AFFIX THE "STAMP" ON THE PUPPETS STILL PENDING !! .....
WHICH WOULD ALLOW HIM TO MOVE AS HE PLEASES WHILE CREATING OTHER PUPPETS...

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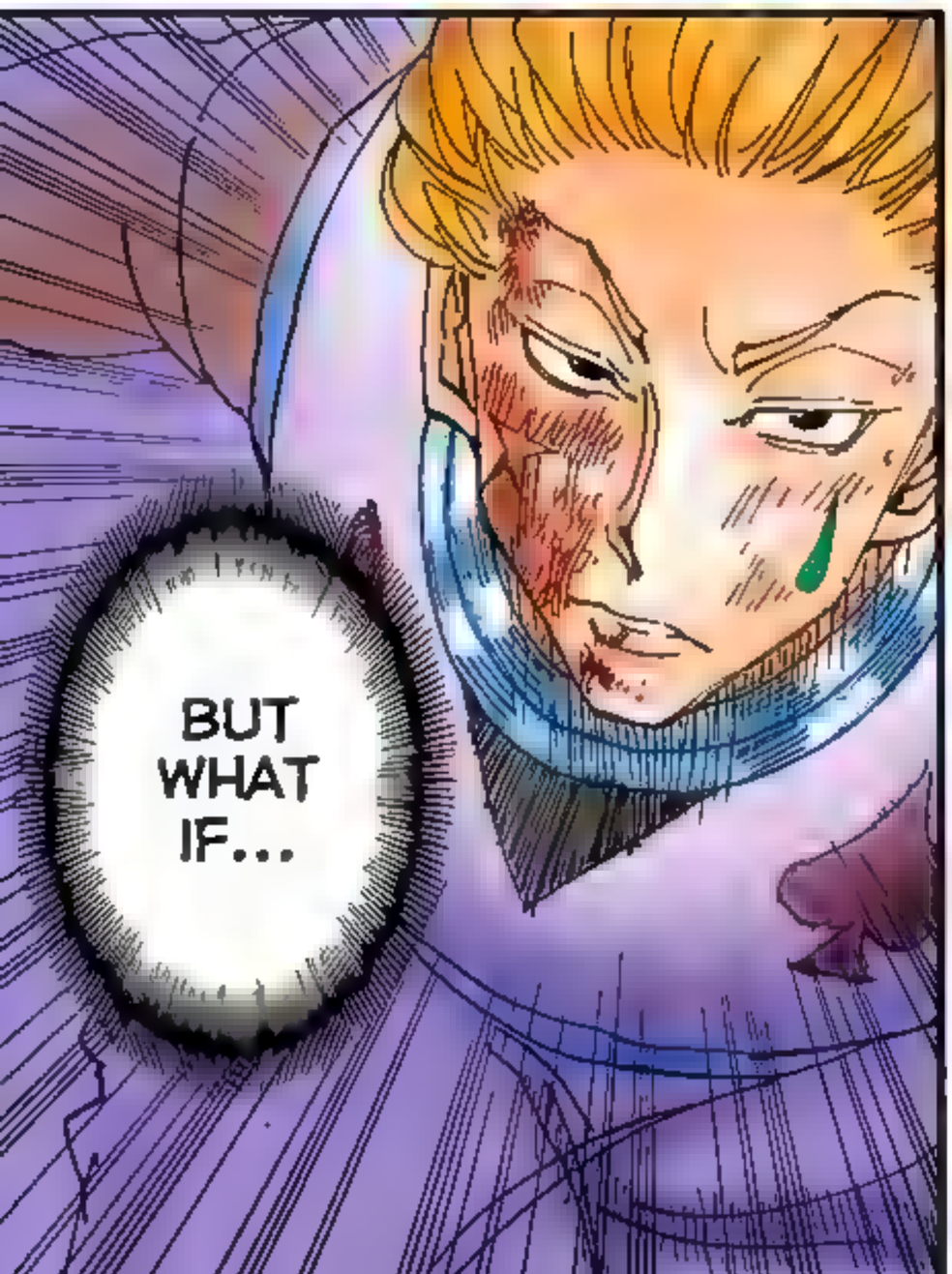
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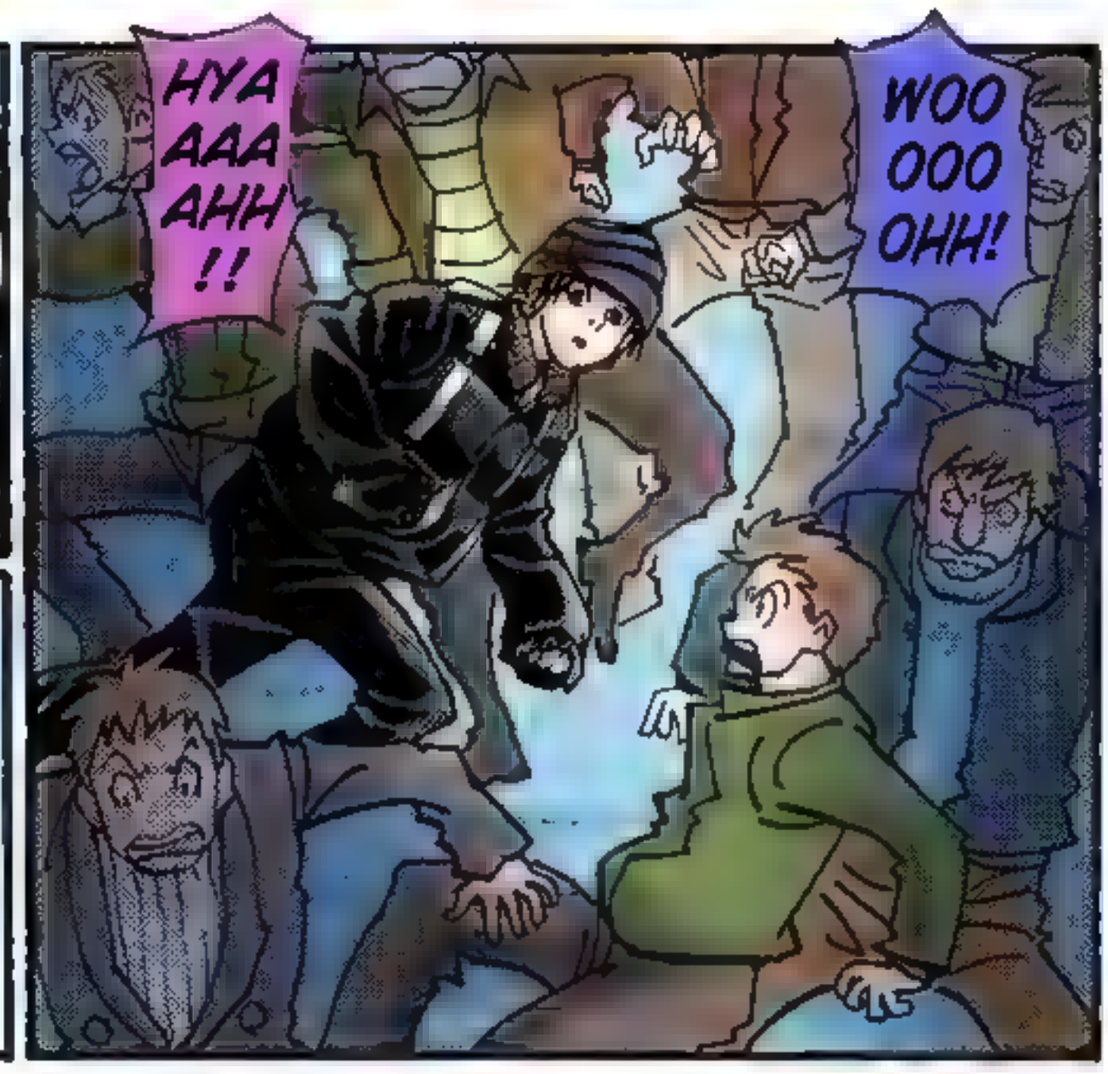
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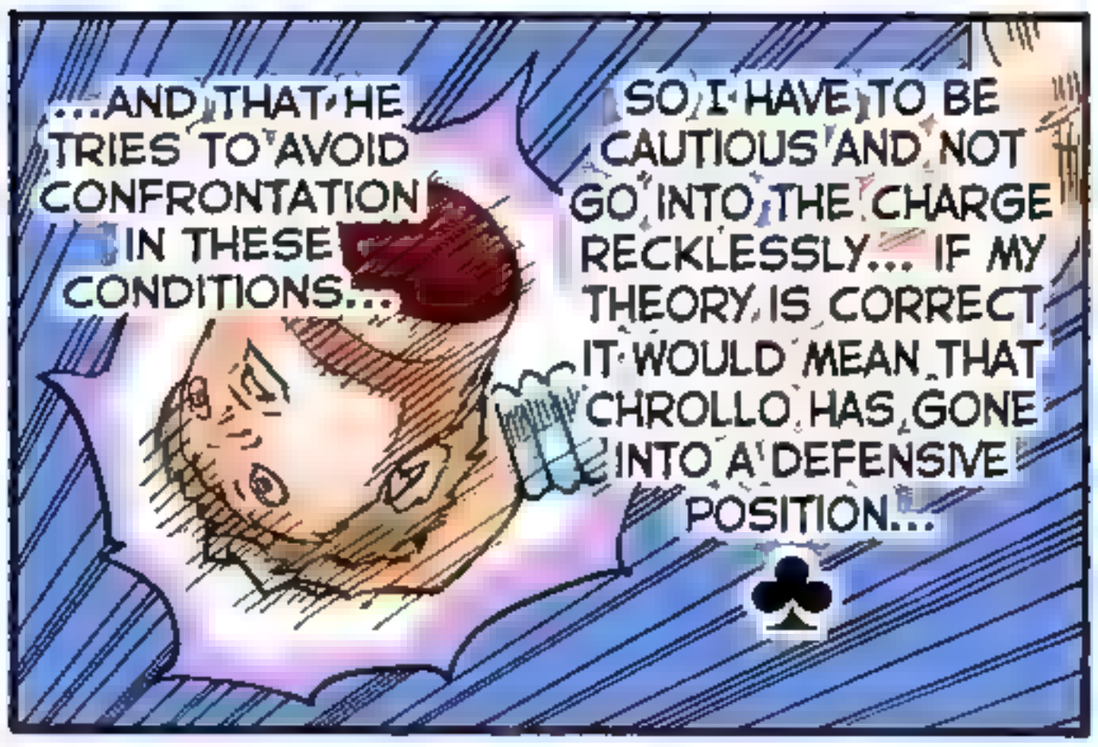
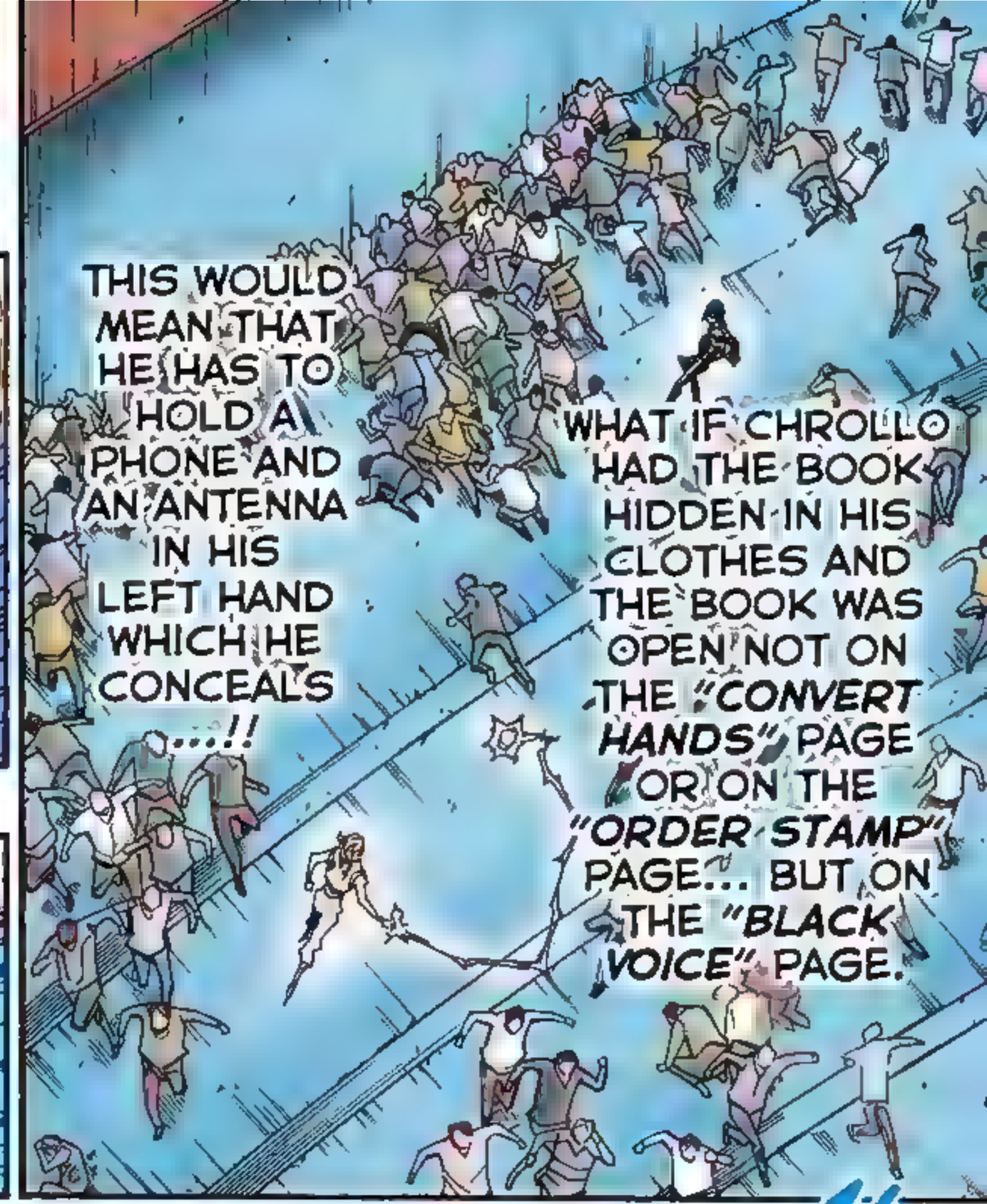
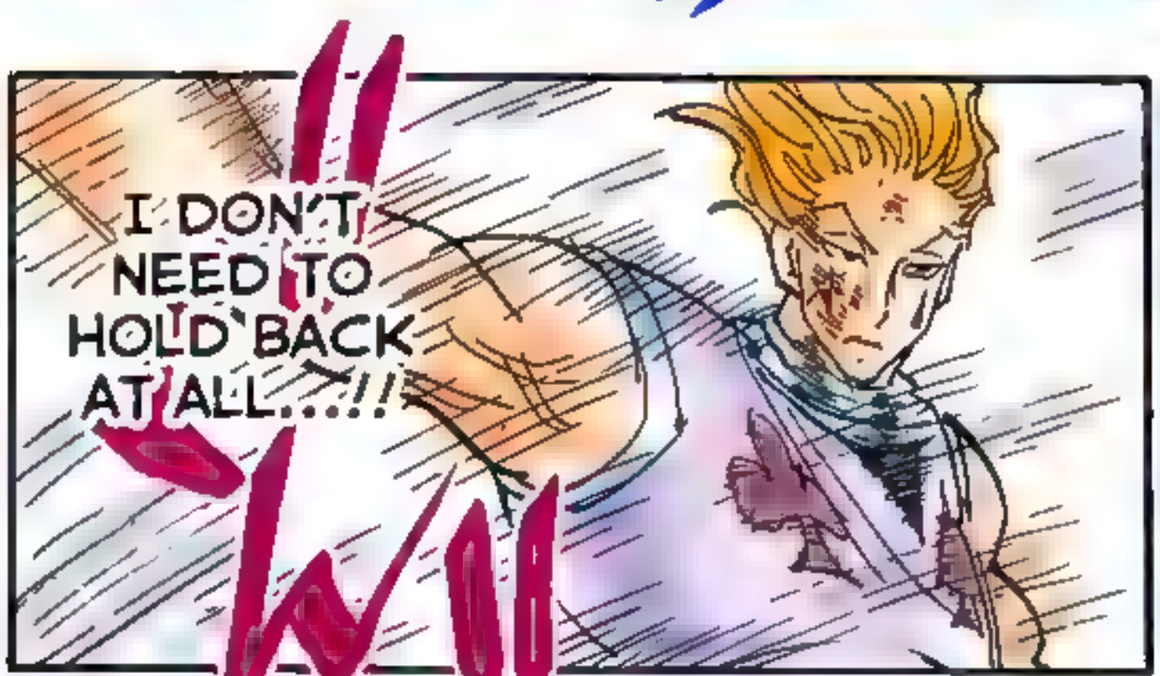
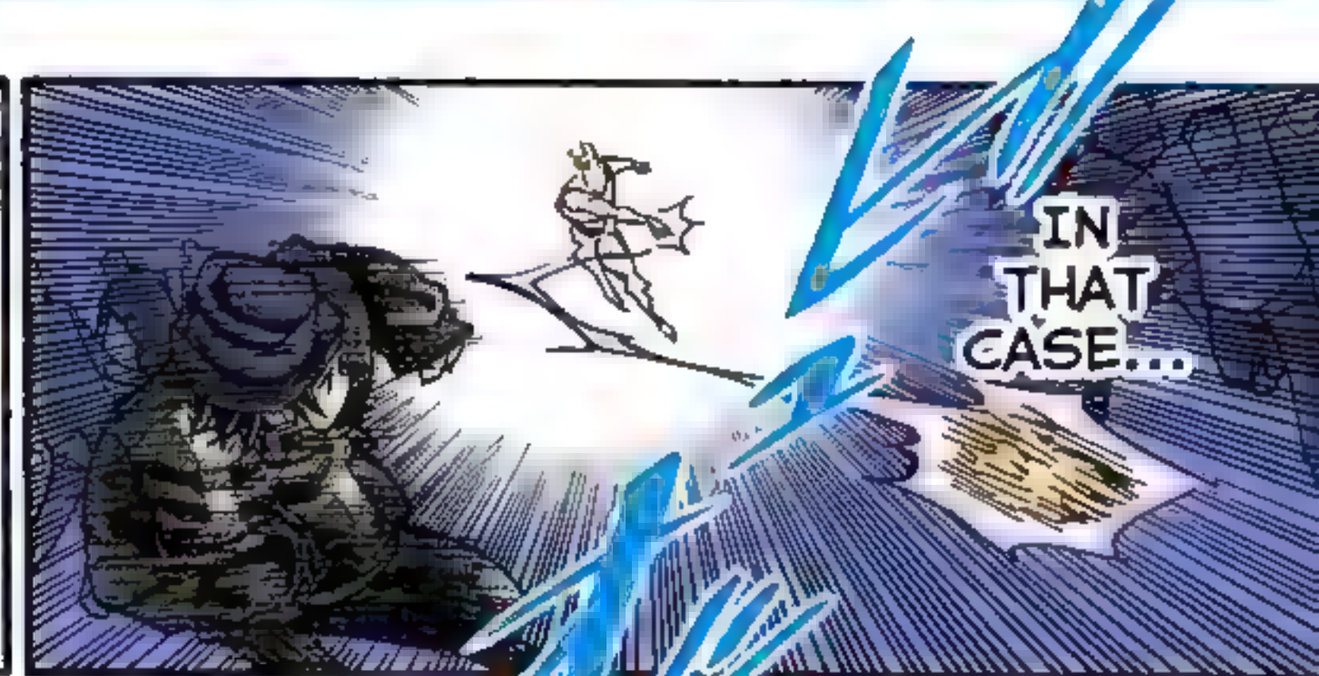

...AND THAT HE TRIES TO AVOID CONFRONTATION IN THESE CONDITIONS...
SO I HAVE TO BE CAUTIOUS AND NOT GO INTO THE CHARGE RECKLESSLY... IF MY THEORY IS CORRECT IT WOULD MEAN THAT CHROLLO HAS GONE INTO A DEFENSIVE POSITION...

...THWARTED HIS PLANS...?
COULD IT BE THAT THE COUNTER-ATTACK...


THIS WOULD MEAN THAT HE HAS TO HOLD A PHONE AND AN ANTENNA IN HIS LEFT HAND WHICH HE CONCEALS...!!
WHAT IF CHROLLO HAD THE BOOK HIDDEN IN HIS CLOTHES AND THE BOOK WAS OPEN NOT ON THE "CONVERT HANDS" PAGE OR ON THE "ORDER STAMP" PAGE... BUT ON THE "BLACK VOICE" PAGE.


I DON'T NEED TO HOLD BACK AT ALL...!!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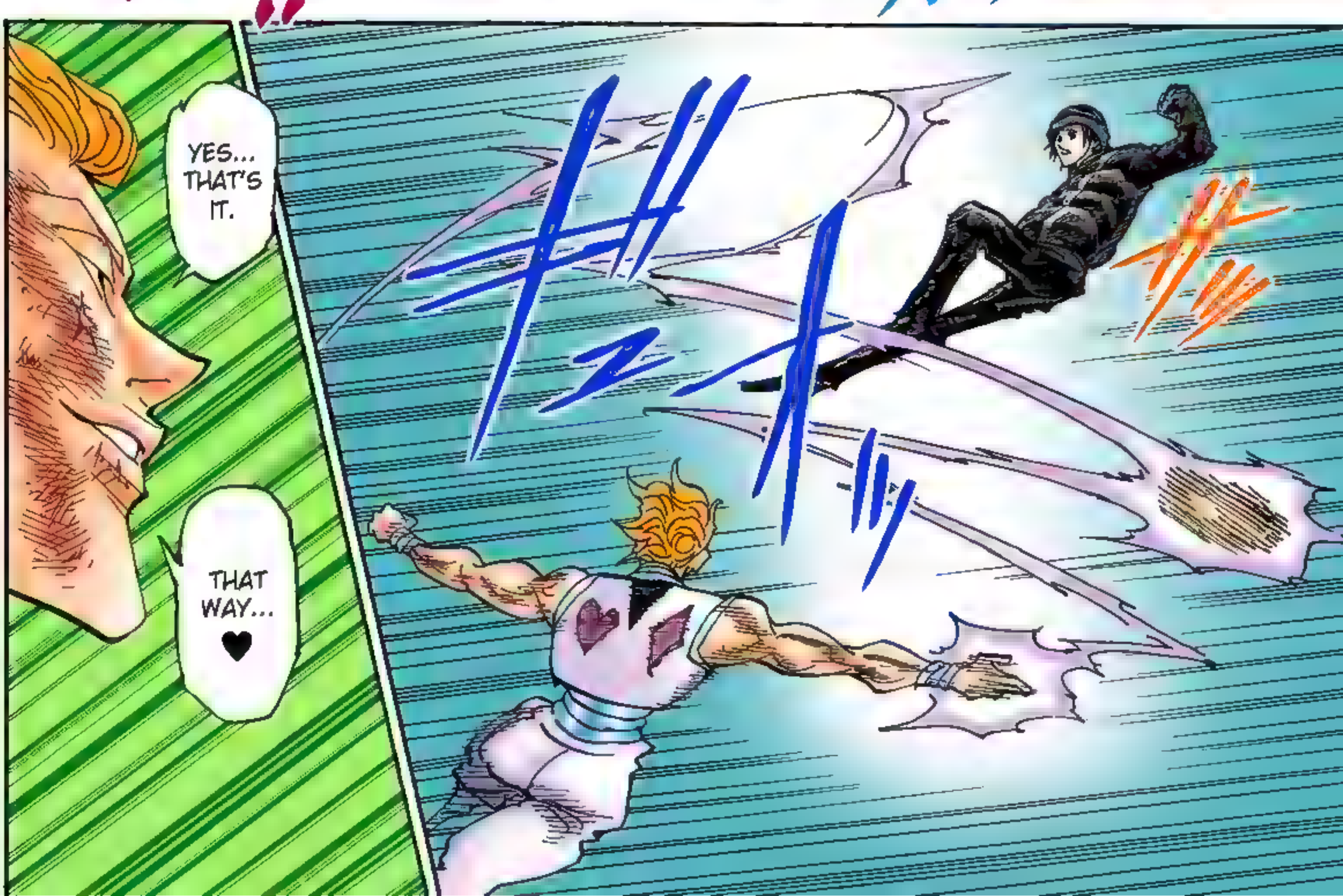
YES... THAT'S IT.
THAT WAY...

CONTRACT!!

BUNGEE GUM...

RELEASE !!!

FLOOR GUM

THE CROWD BUILDS UP POTENTIAL ENERGY FOR ME, ALL ON THEIR OWN...♥
NO WAY, JOSE!!
HOLD IT, BUB!
BY ATTACHING ONE END OF MY BUNGEE GUM TO THE BACKS OF THE FLEEING CROWD AND THE OTHER TO THE FLOOR....
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
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I'M JUST GETTING THE TRASH OUT OF THE WAY. ♥
NOT AT ALL. ♪
HISOKA HAS JUST LEFT A PERFECT CHANCE SLIP THROUGH HIS FINGERS...!!!
WHAT'S THIS, HE'S MISSED ...?!

WHEN I SENT THE CROWD FLYING AT YOU...
I ALREADY HAD THIS ATTACHED ...!!
CONTRACT!
NO WAY... IT'S IMPO-SSIBLE...!!
WHEN DID HE PULL IT OFF ...?!

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BUT THEN...

ON TOP OF THAT HE'S USING IT TOGETHER WITH "BLACK VOICE"...?!

HE USED THE RIGHT HAND OF "CONVERT HANDS" TO CREATE A CHROLLO COPY AND WAS CONTROLLING IT...?! SO THEN HE HAD THE BOOKMARK AFFIXED ON "CONVERT HANDS" ?!!

IT'S NOT HIM...!!

HIS TRICKED ME...

HIS ABILITY, "SUN AND MOON"!!

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WHAT'S THIS...?!

BUT THEN...

BUT THAT THE COPIES THAT HAVE BEEN MARKED WITH THE SEALS WON'T DISAPPEAR...!!

WHAT MAKES IT TRULY TROUBLESOME ...IS NOT THE FACT THAT ONCE AFFIXED, THE SEALS WON'T EVER DISSAPEAR UNTIL THEY EXPLODE...

MY YEARLY AVERAGE USED TO BE 190... I REMEMBER I USED TO AIM FOR A BROOKLY ON PURPOSE WHEN I HAD TOO MANY TEN PINS LEFT...

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I WAS REQUIRED TO MAKE SOME ADJUSMENTS.

ONCE I GAINED THIS ABILITY THAT REQUIRED BOTH MY HANDS TO BE FREE...

JUST AS IT SEEMS, IT IS AN ABILITY THAT NEEDS THE USE OF BOTH HANDS.

"SUN AND MOON".

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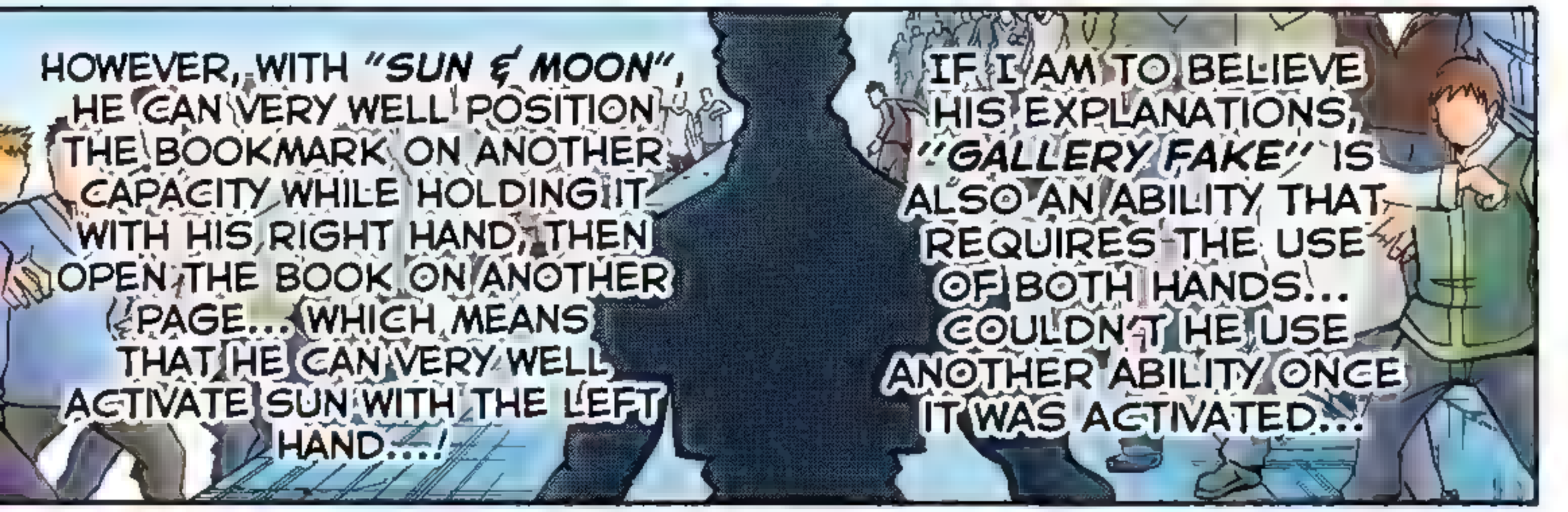
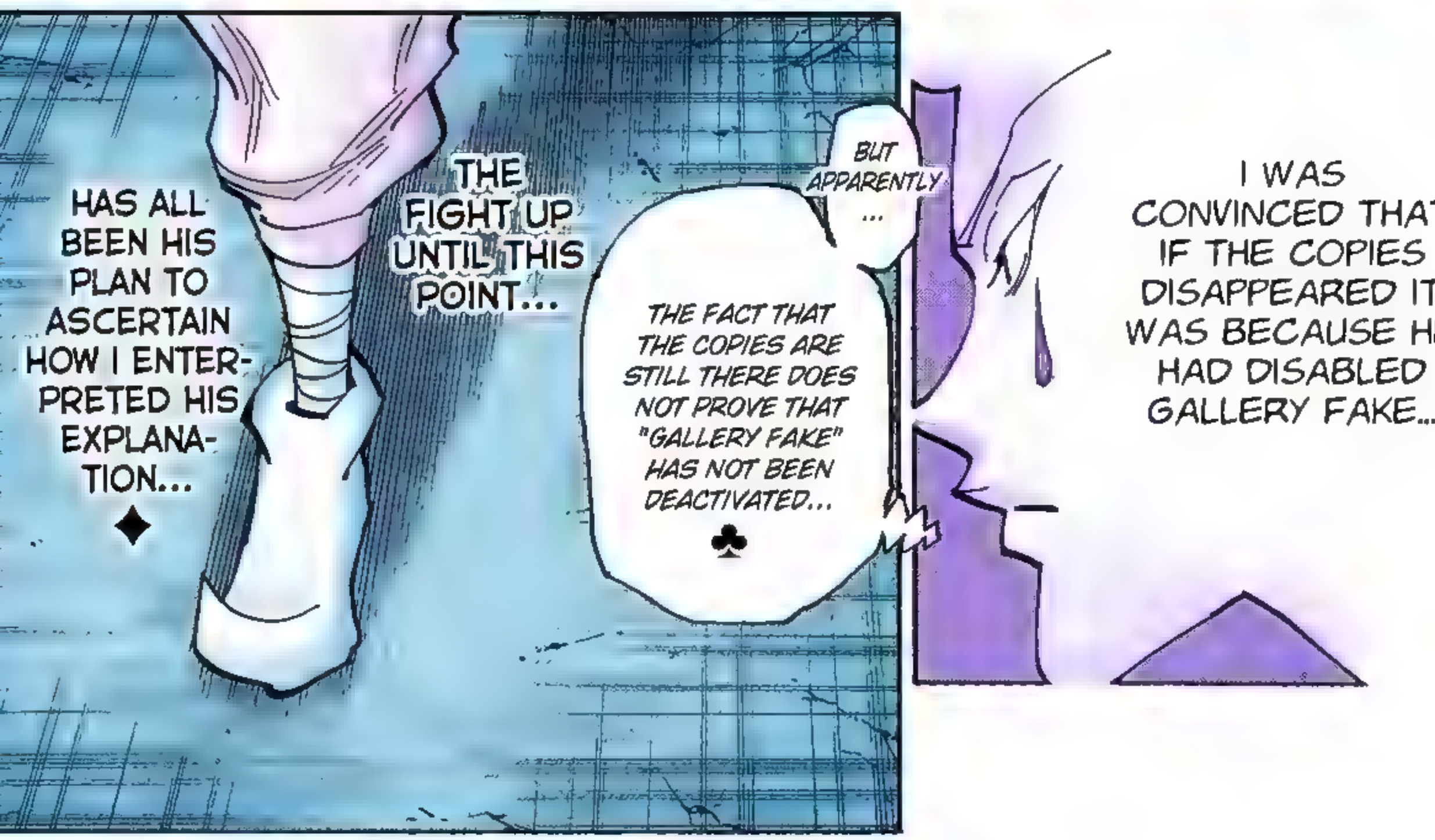


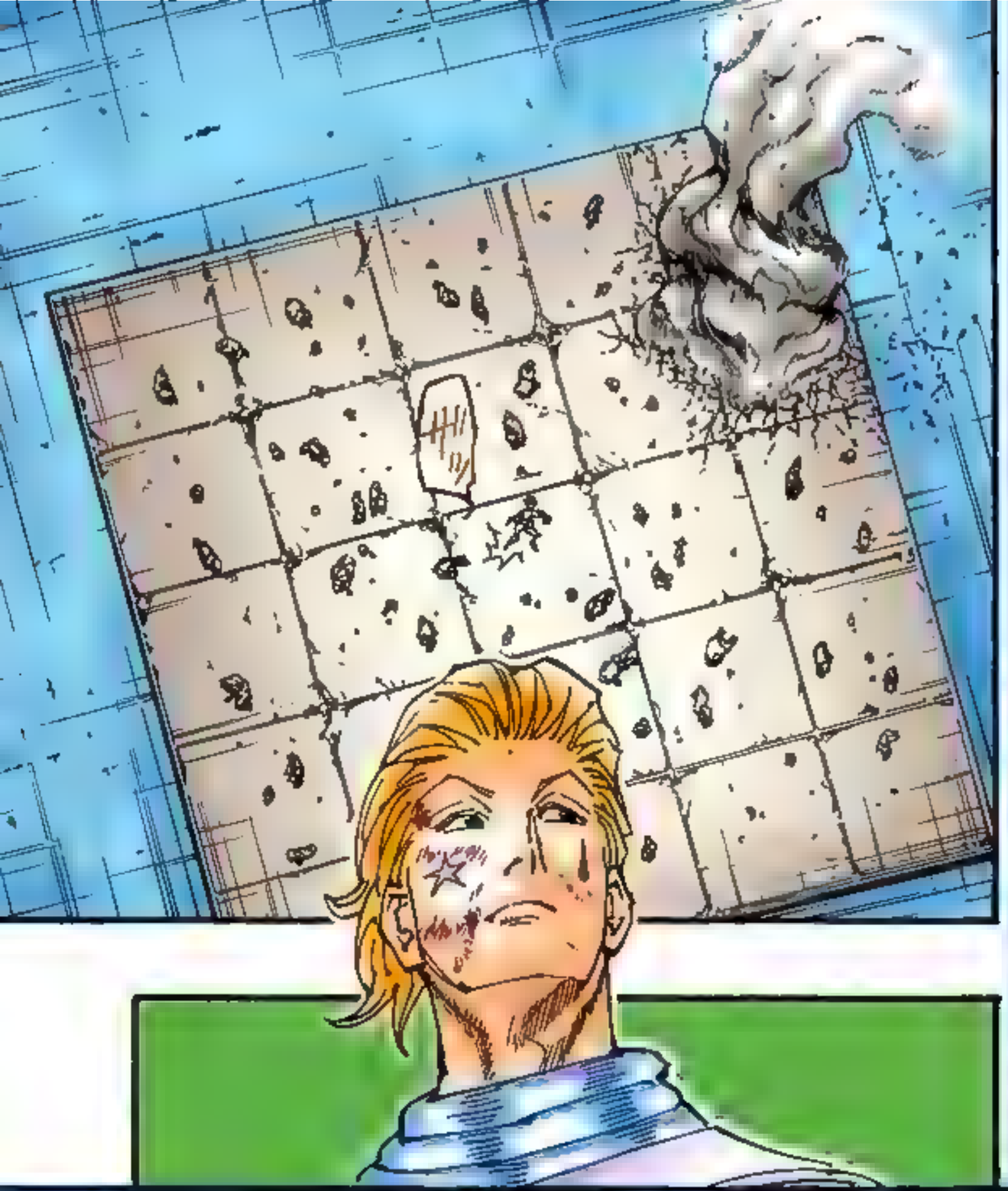


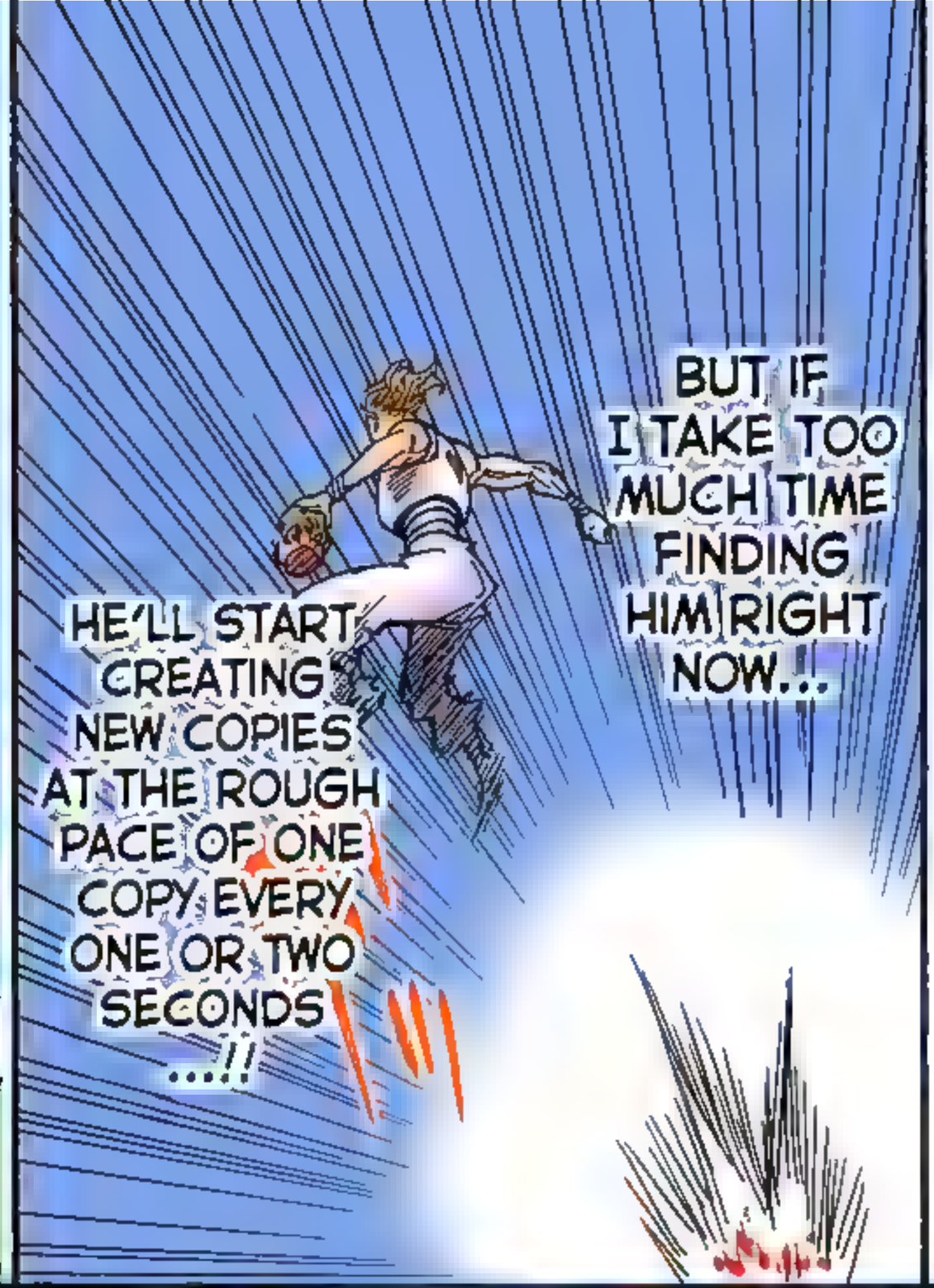
ORDER THEM TO "DESTROY HISOKA" ← ACTIVATE "ORDER STAMP" ← MASS PRODUCE COPIES ← AFFIX THE BOOKMARK (AND CLOSE THE BOOK) ← ACTIVATE "GALLERY FAKE"

INSTEAD OF THIS, IT'S ACTUALLY...

ORDER THEM TO "DESTROY HISOKA" ← ACTIVATE "ORDER STAMP" ← RELEASE ABILITY (POSSIBLY BOTH)... ← AFFIX THE "SUN" SEAL ON THE COPIES ← MASS PRODUCE COPIES ← AFFIX THE BOOKMARK (AND CLOSE THE BOOK) ← ACTIVATE "GALLERY FAKE"

※ THE COPIES AND SEALS ARE PROTECTED BY NEN WHICH BECOMES STRONGER AFTER DEATH AND WILL NOT DISAPPEAR.





THEY ALL SEEM TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT THERE WILL BE CASUALITIES HERE... AND THEY'RE QUITE CALM ABOUT IT...

SURPRISINGLY THE AUDIENCE MEMBERS AREN'T ALL FEELING...

...AND I CAN'T DIFFERENTIATE CHROLLO FROM THE PEOPLE JUST TENDING TO THE WOUNDED.

IT APPEARS HE'S SEARCHING FOR CHROLLO!!!

OOOOOH, LOOK AT THIS! HISOKA HAS MADE HIS WAY TO THE CENTER OF THE ARENA AND STANDS MENACINGLY!!!

BUT HE CAN'T BE TOO CONSPICUOUS OR SLOW ABOUT HIS PREPARATIONS...!!

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES CHROLOR IS FREE TO SET UP ANY PLANS HE MIGHT HAVE...

IF HE DOESN'T FINISH WHAT HE'S DOING SOON IT'S VERY LIKELY HIS COPIES, THAT WERE WAITING ON STANDBY, WILL BE CARRIED OUT OF HERE ALONG WITH THE WOUNDED.

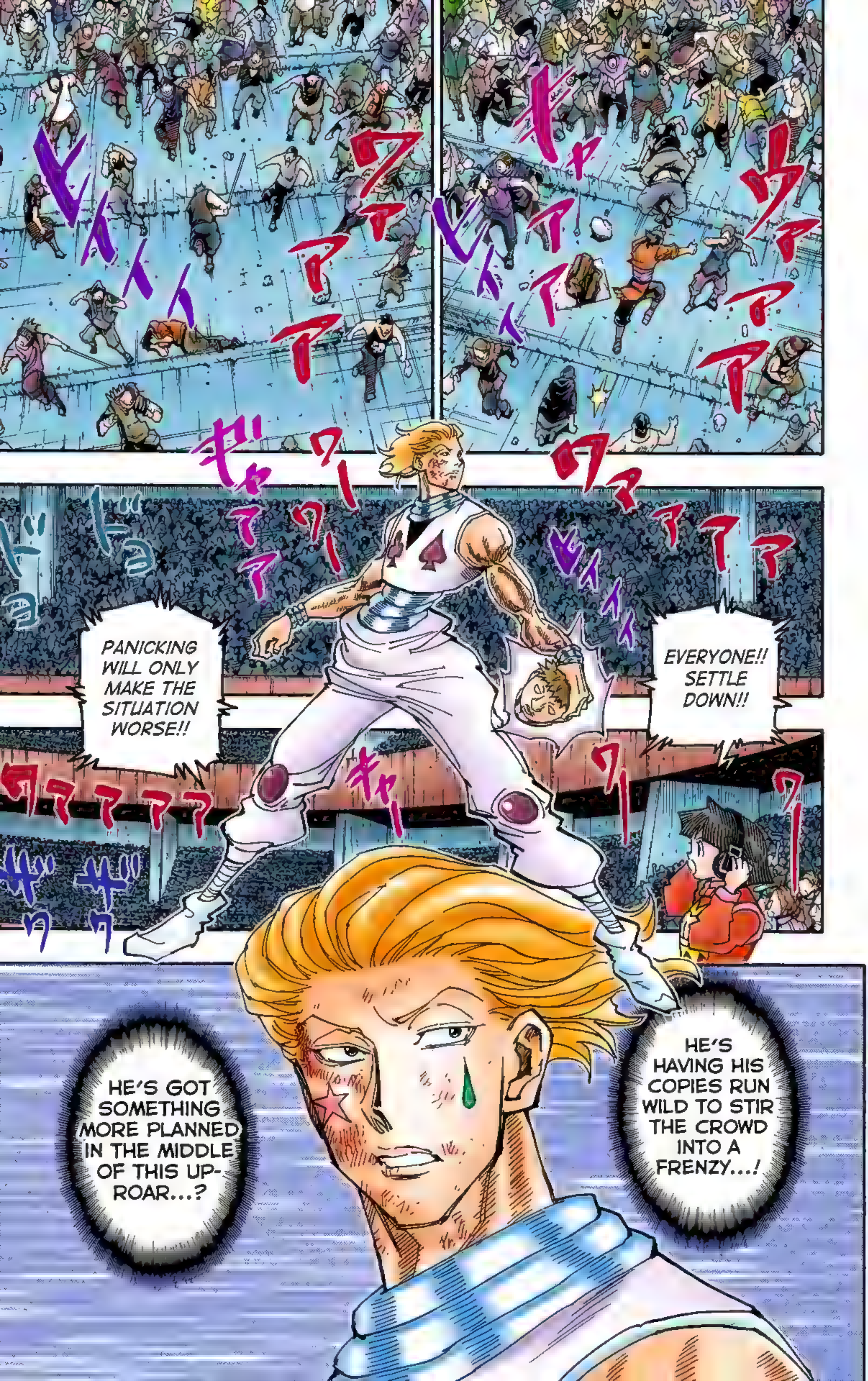
IN ABOUT 10 MINUTES, THERE WILL BE A TON OF RESCUE PERSONNEL AND SECURITY COMING...!

BUT I'LL NEED TO FIGHT TO NOT LET ANY ONE OF THEM NEAR ME...

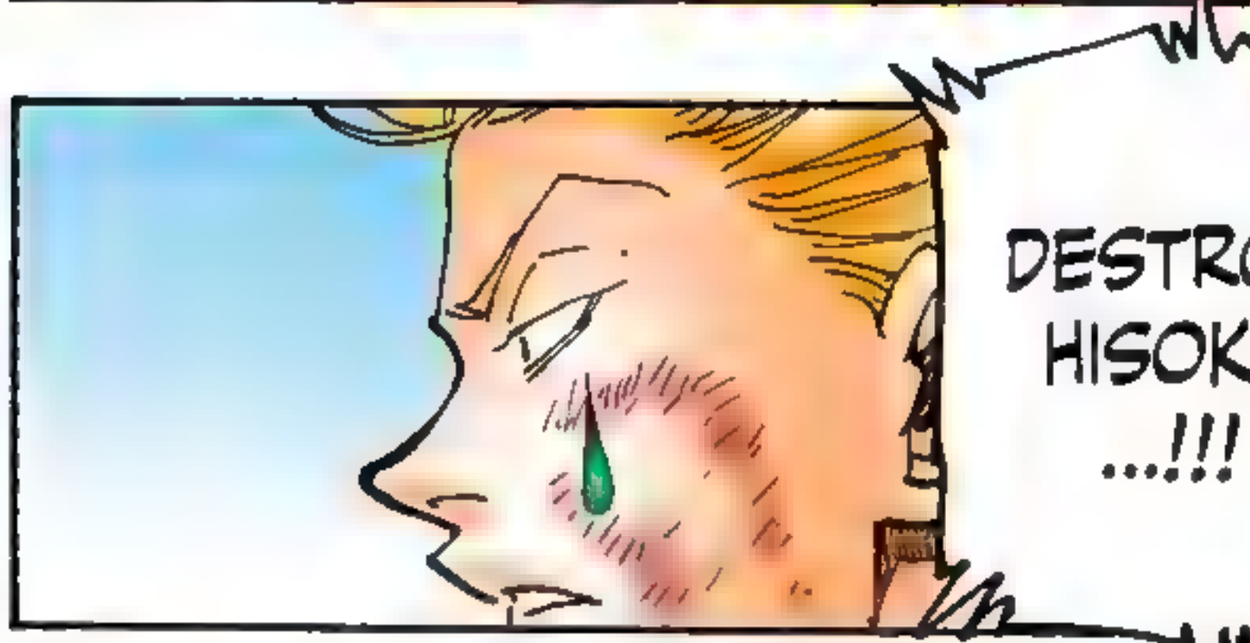
I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY COPIES MAY COME...

HE'LL USE THE FULLEST POWER OF "SUN AND MOON" TO CREATE AN EXPLOSIVE COPY AND BE AIMING TO DETONATE IT AS CLOSE AS HE CAN TO ME...!

WHICH MEANS HE'LL PROBABLY BE PUTTING IT ALL INTO HIS NEXT ATTACK...


PANICKING WILL ONLY MAKE THE SITUATION WORSE!!
EVERYONE!! SETTLE DOWN!!
HE'S GOT SOMETHING MORE PLANNED IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS UP-ROAR...?
HE'S HAVING HIS COPIES RUN WILD TO STIR THE CROWD INTO A FRENZY...!

SO PLEASE TRY AND WAIT IN YOUR ORIGINAL SEATS AS LONG AS YOU CAN!!
WE HAVE RESCUE PERSONNEL AND SECURITY COMING RIGHT NOW!!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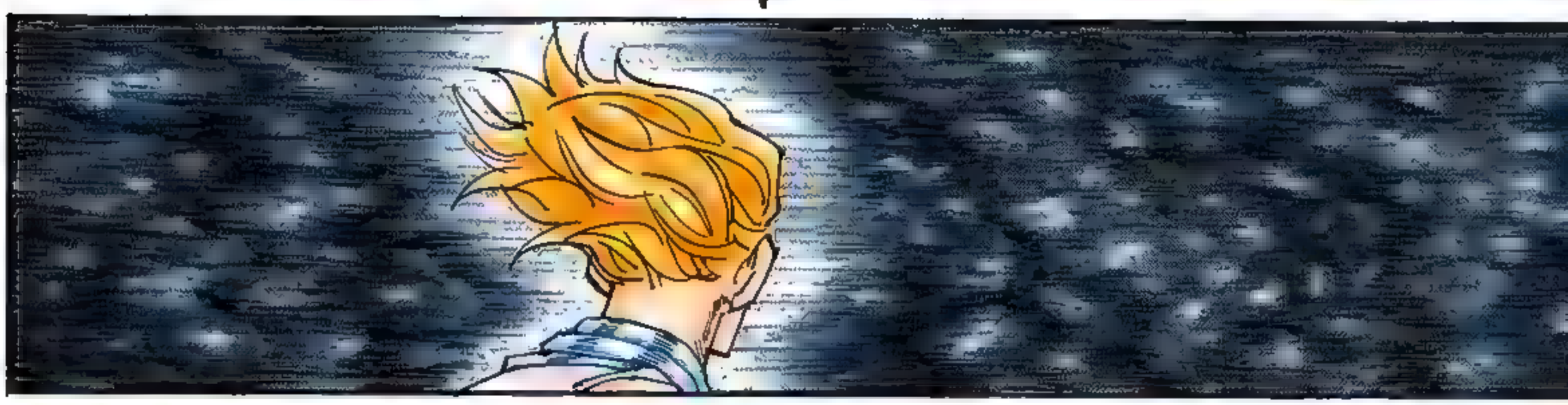

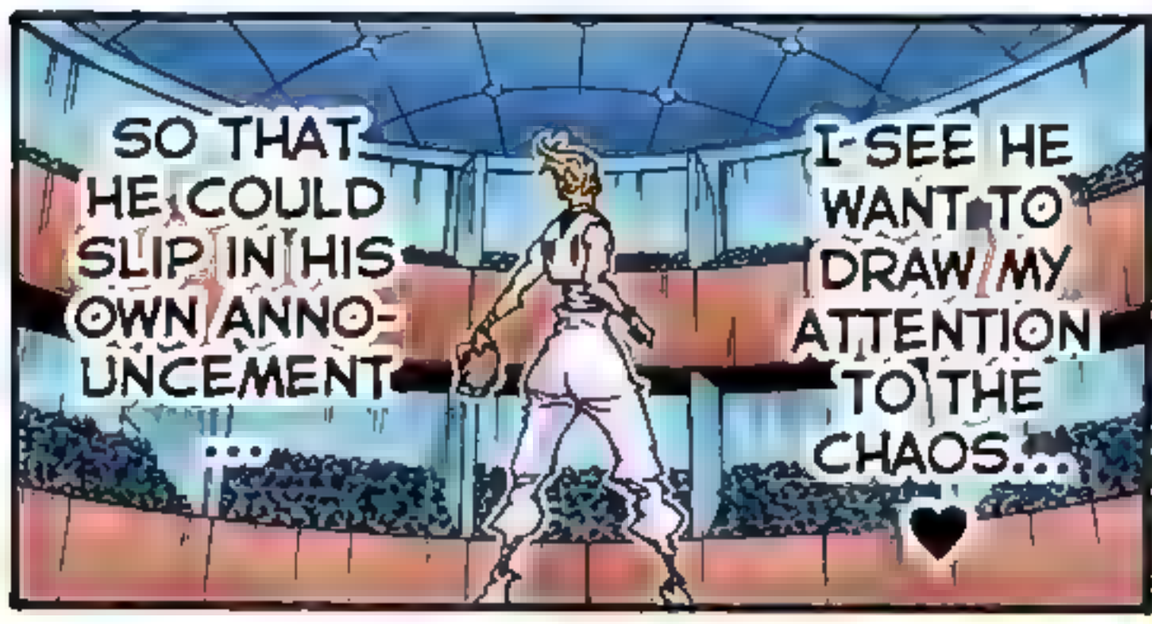
SO THAT HE COULD SLIP IN HIS OWN ANNO-UNCEMENT ...
I SEE HE WANT TO DRAW MY ATTENTION TO THE CHAOS...

I APOLOGIZE FOR THE VERY HEATED BIASED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT WAS JUST BLURTED OUR LIVE HERE!!
AAHH... HOW UNBE-LIEVABLY RUDE OF ME, PARDON ME!!

AND ON TOP OF THAT, IT WOULD BE EASY FOR HIM TO KEEP HIM-SELF HIDDEN ...!!
IN ORDER TO EFFICIENTLY BROADCAST HIS ORDER, TO EVERY SINGLE ONE OF HIS COPIES HERE IN AN INSTANT.

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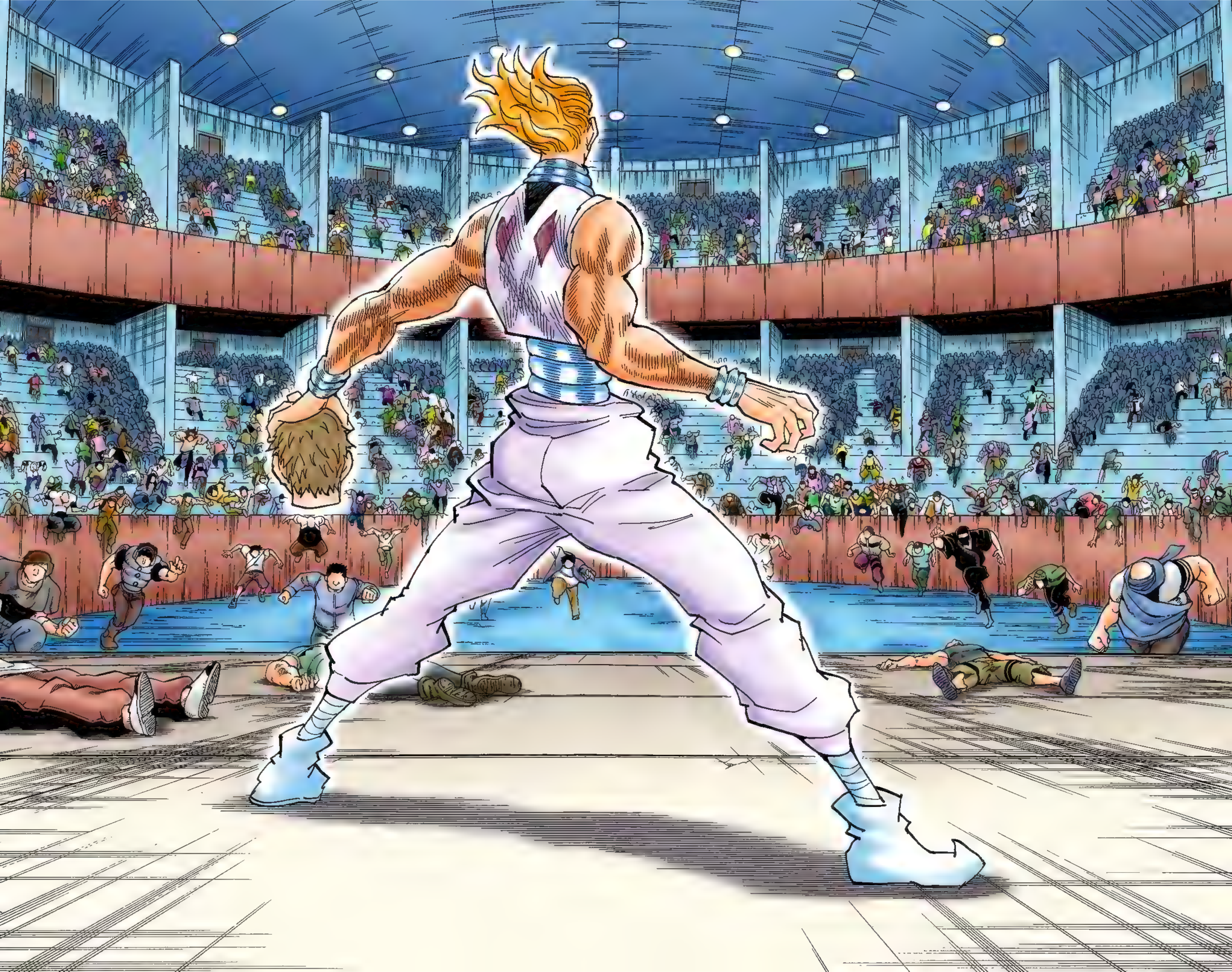
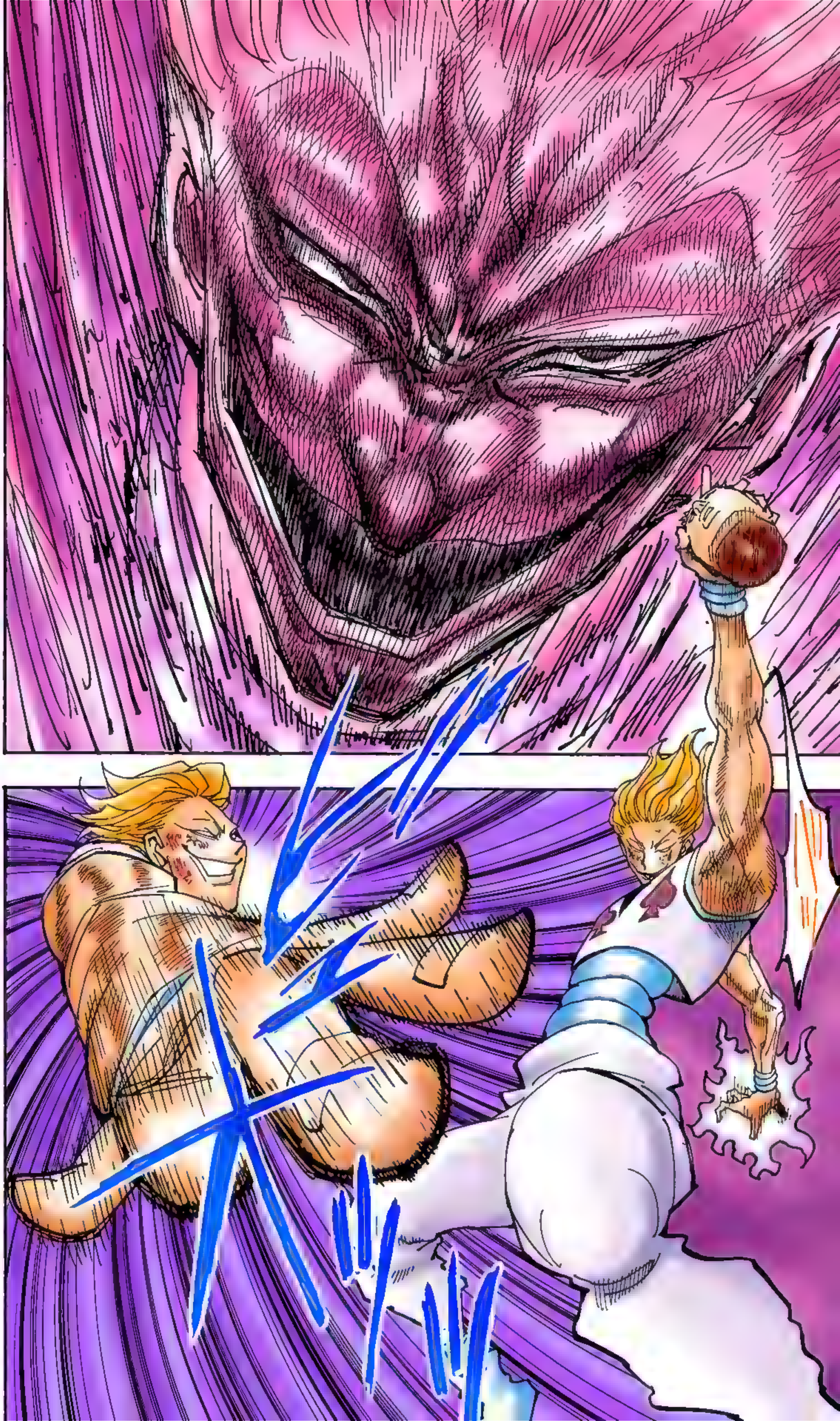
WHAT'S THIS...?!
THE AUDIENCE... HAVE THEY ALL GONE CRAZY?!!
CROWDS AND CROWDS OF THEM ?!!





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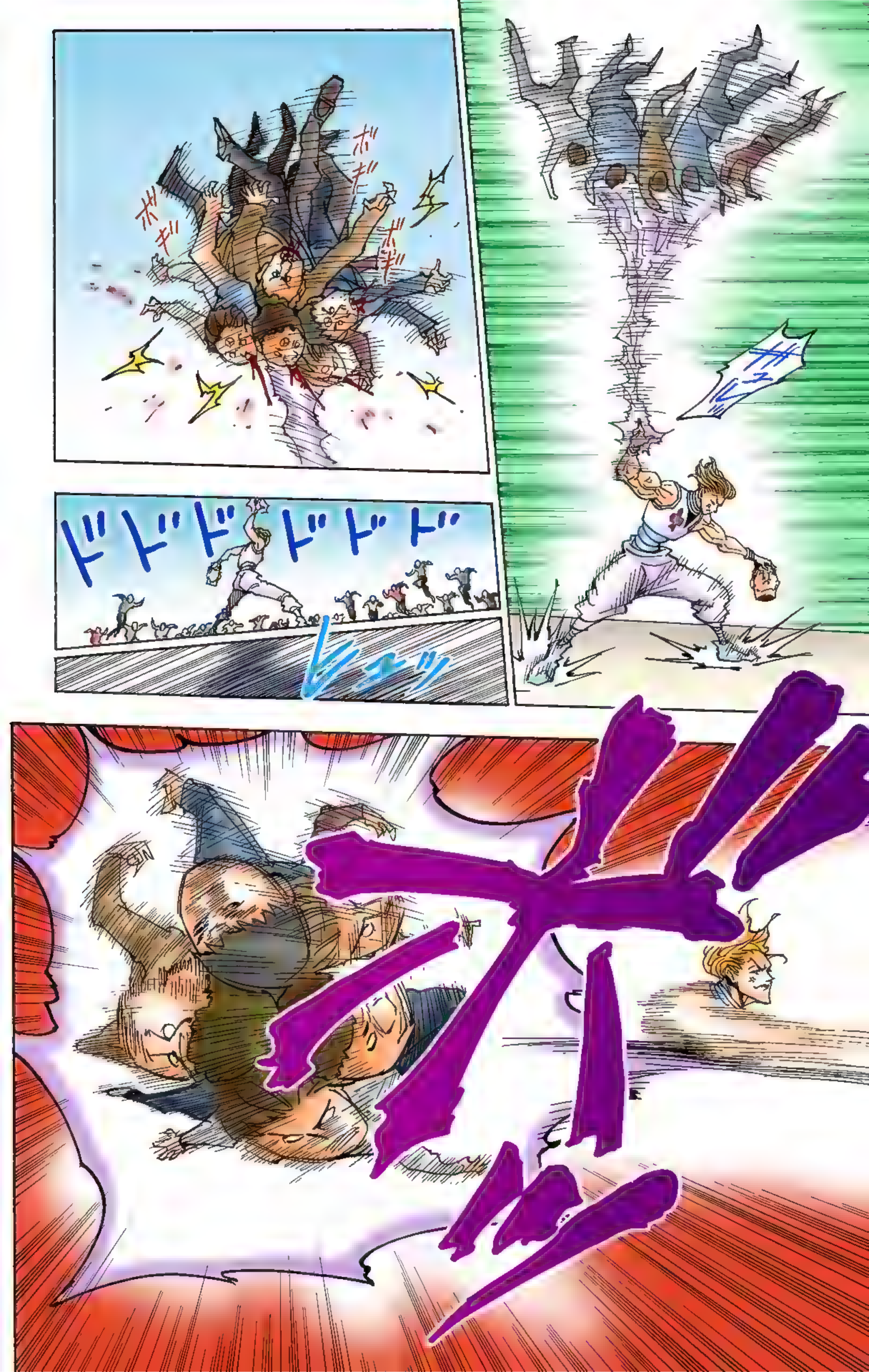
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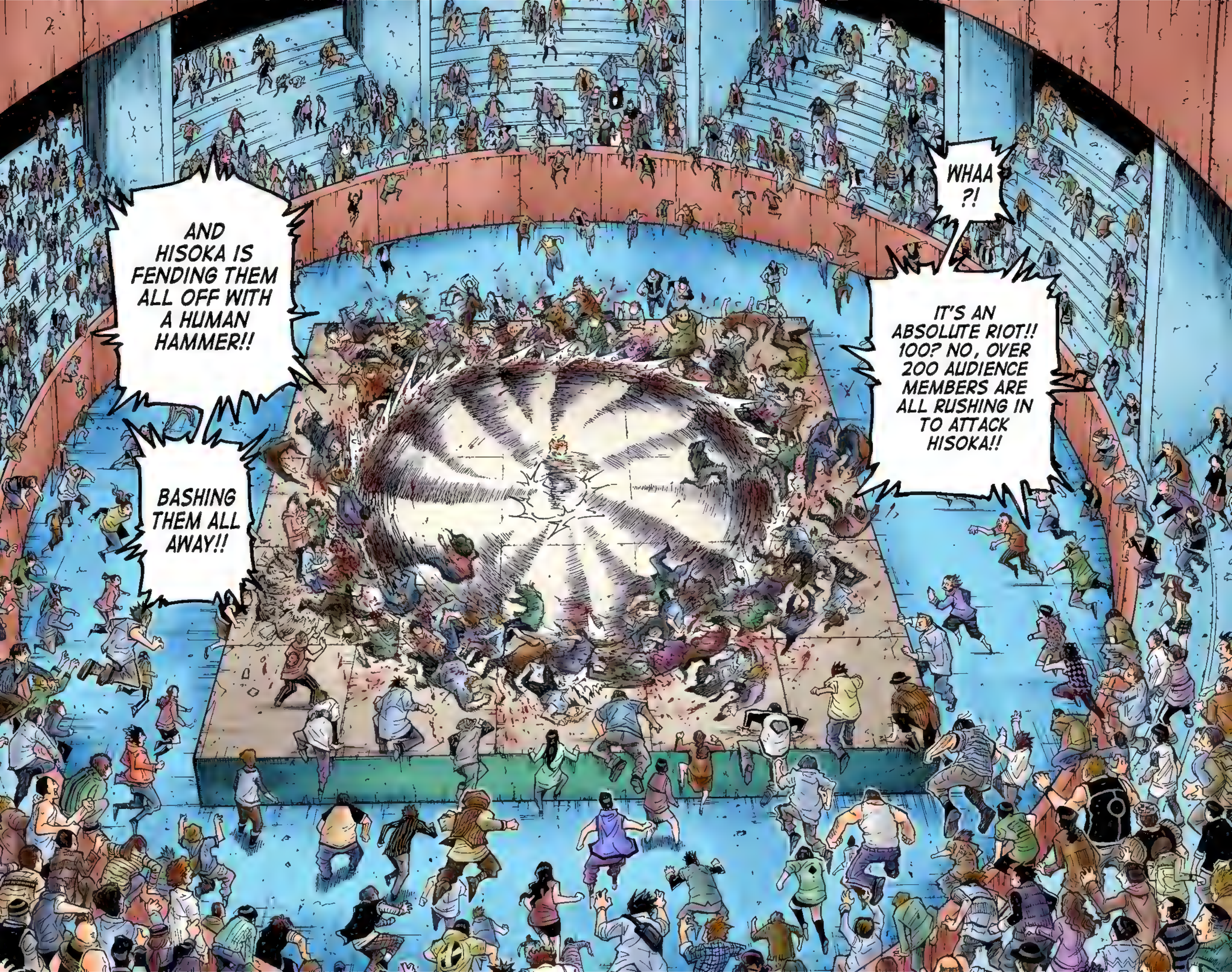
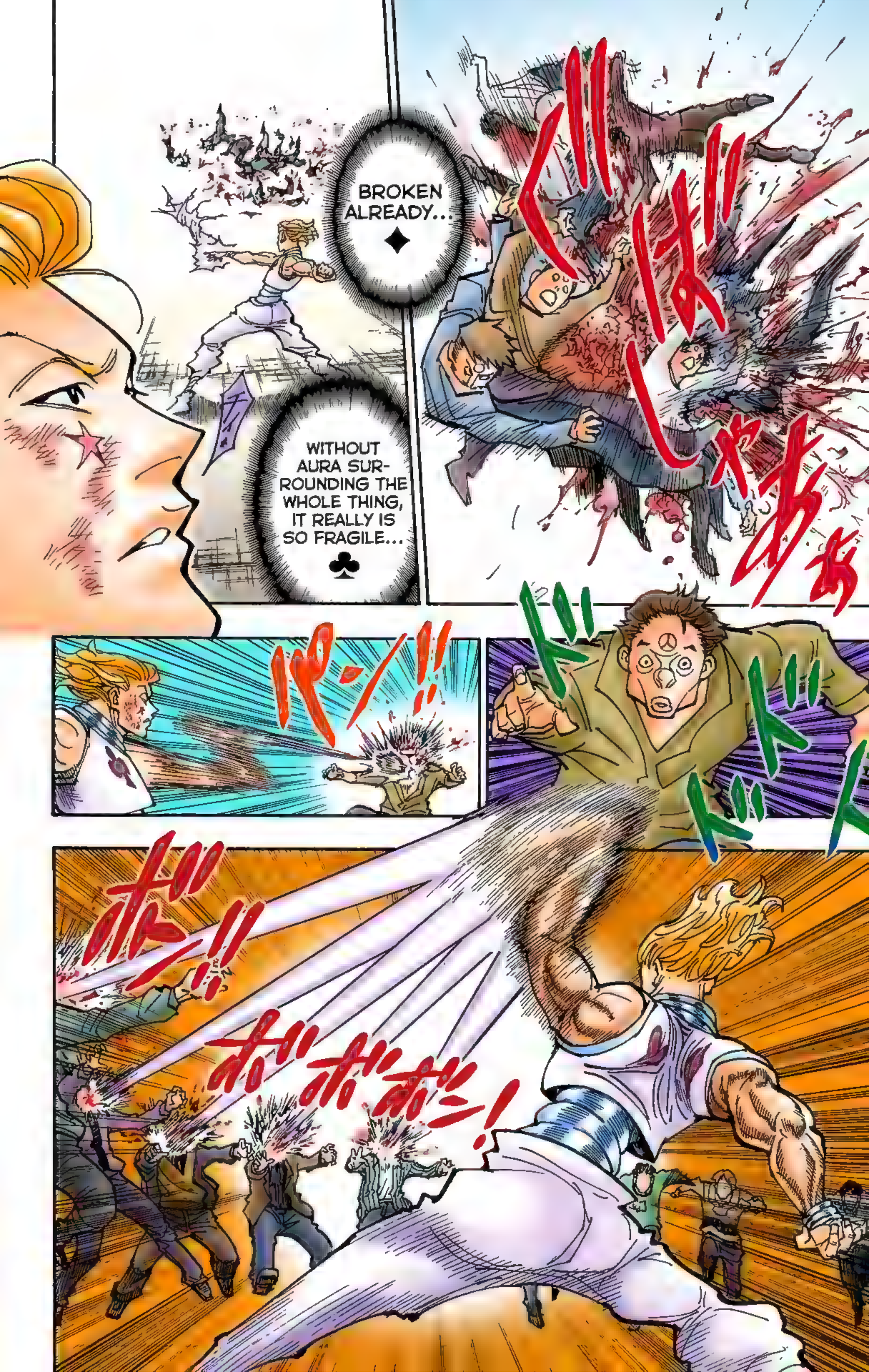
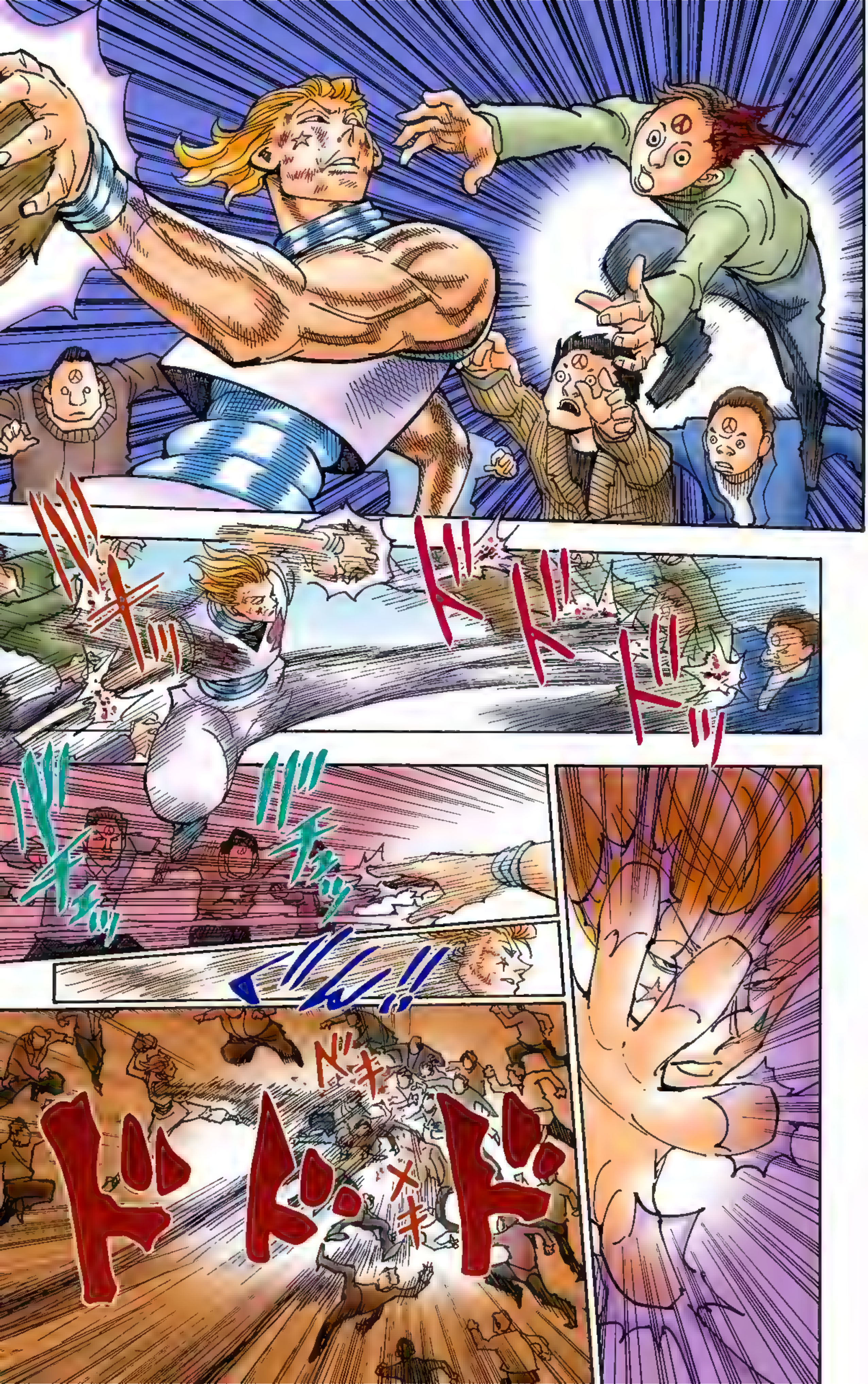

AND HISOKA IS FENDING THEM ALL OFF WITH A HUMAN HAMMER!!
BASHING THEM ALL AWAY!!
WHAA ?!
IT'S AN ABSOLUTE RIOT!! 100? NO, OVER 200 AUDIENCE MEMBERS ARE ALL RUSHING IN TO ATTACK HISOKA!!


BROKEN ALREADY...
WITHOUT AURA SUR-ROUNDING THE WHOLE THING, IT REALLY IS SO FRAGILE...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WHOA, A SEVERED ARM?!

CHROLLO'S CONTROL-LING THEM RIGHT?

WHY DID THEY ALL SUDDENLY GO RUNNING AT HISOKA?

WOW, WHAT A RIOT.

CROUCH DOWN.

THAT'S RIGHT, JUST LIKE THAT.

IF I DON'T KNOCK THEIR HEADS OFF, THEY JUST KEEP ATTACK-ING...!!

AS EXPECTED, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I SLAM THEM AROUND WITH THIS HUMAN HAMMER...

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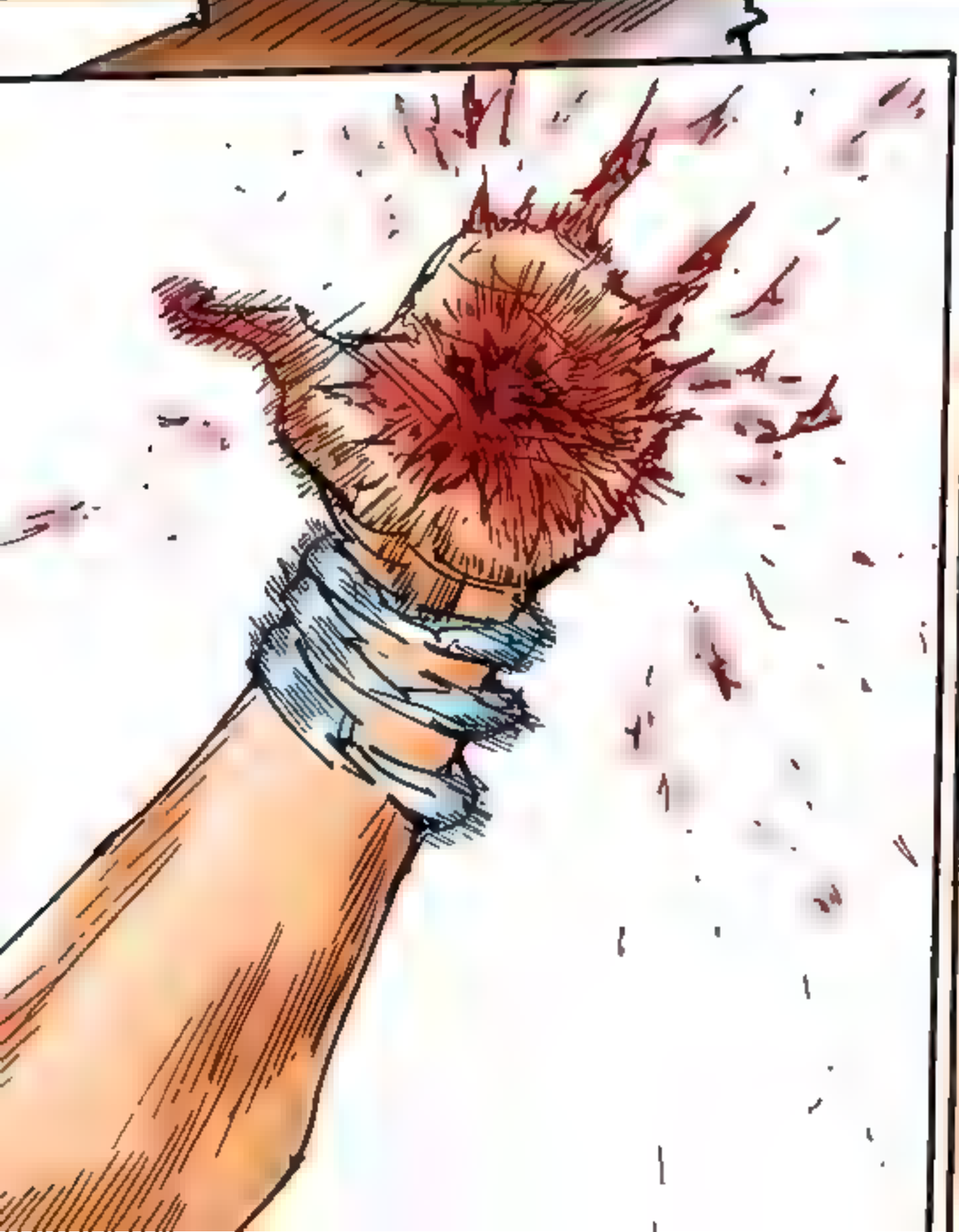

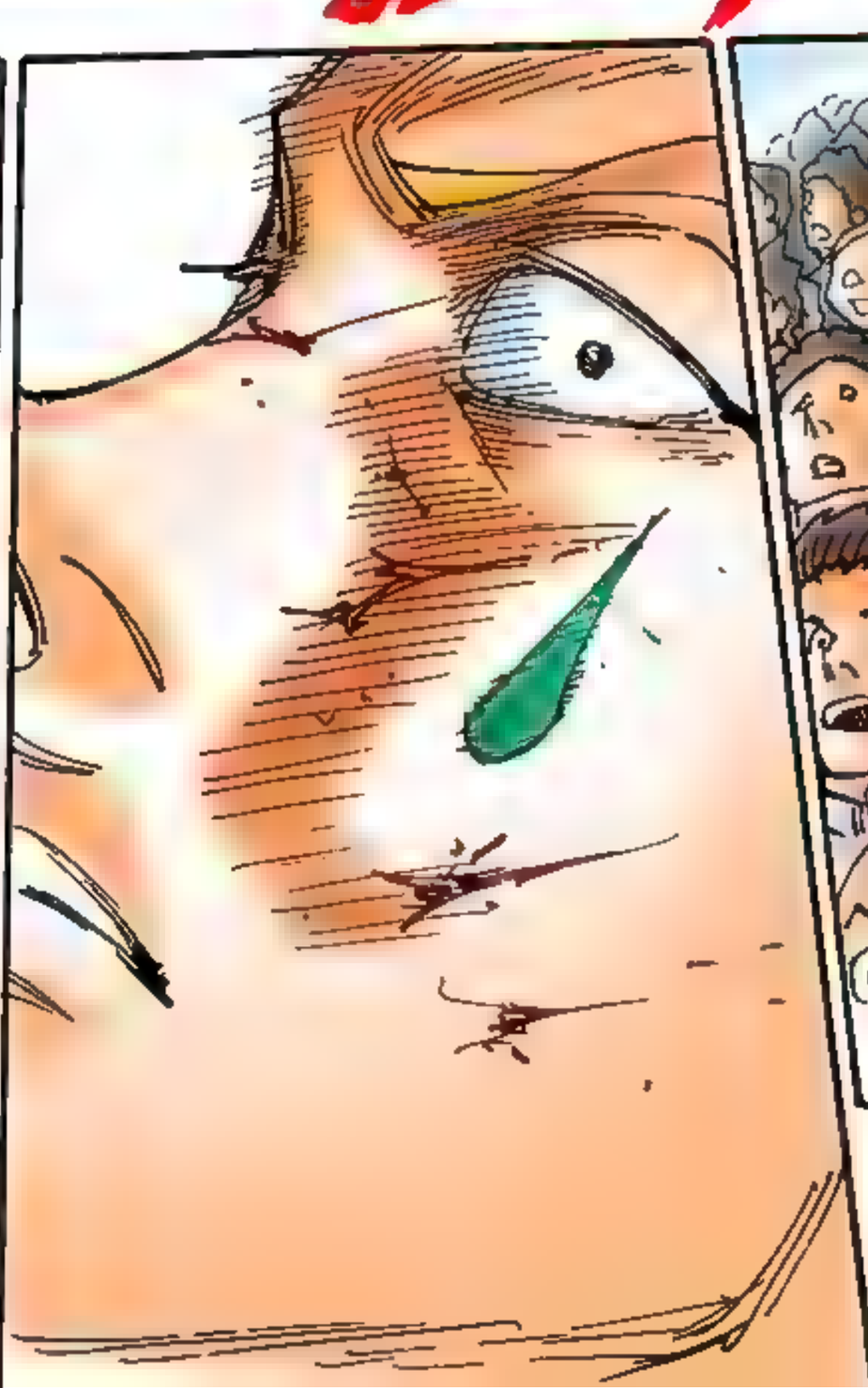

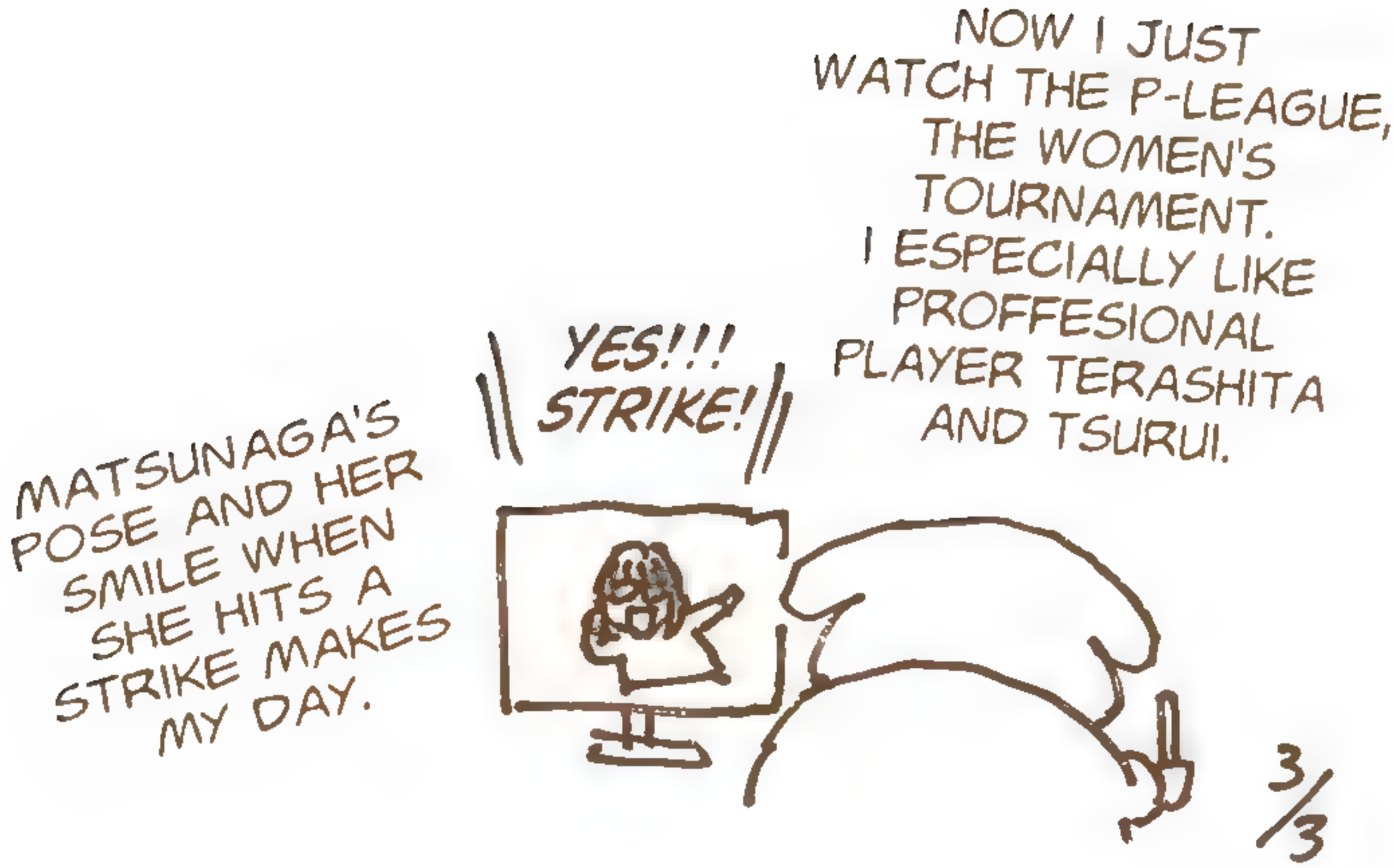
NOW I JUST WATCH THE P-LEAGUE, THE WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT. I ESPECIALLY LIKE PROFFESIONAL PLAYER TERASHITA AND TSURUI.
YES!!! STRIKE!
MATSUNAGA'S POSE AND HER SMILE WHEN SHE HITS A STRIKE MAKES MY DAY.

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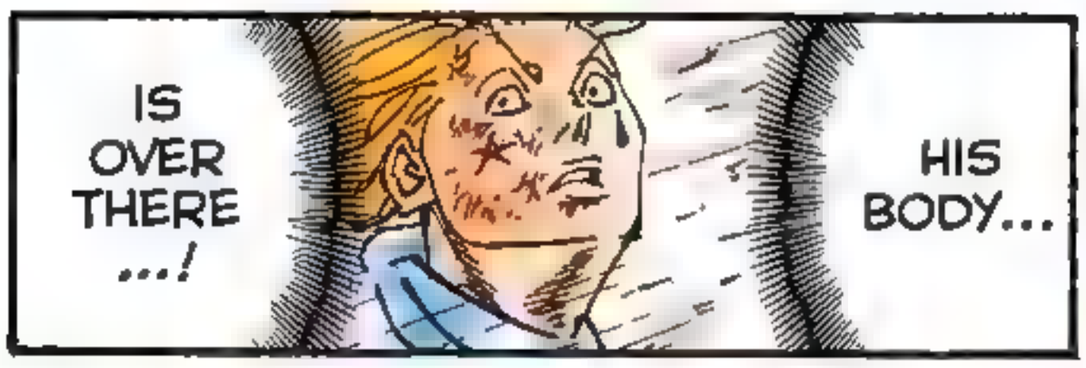
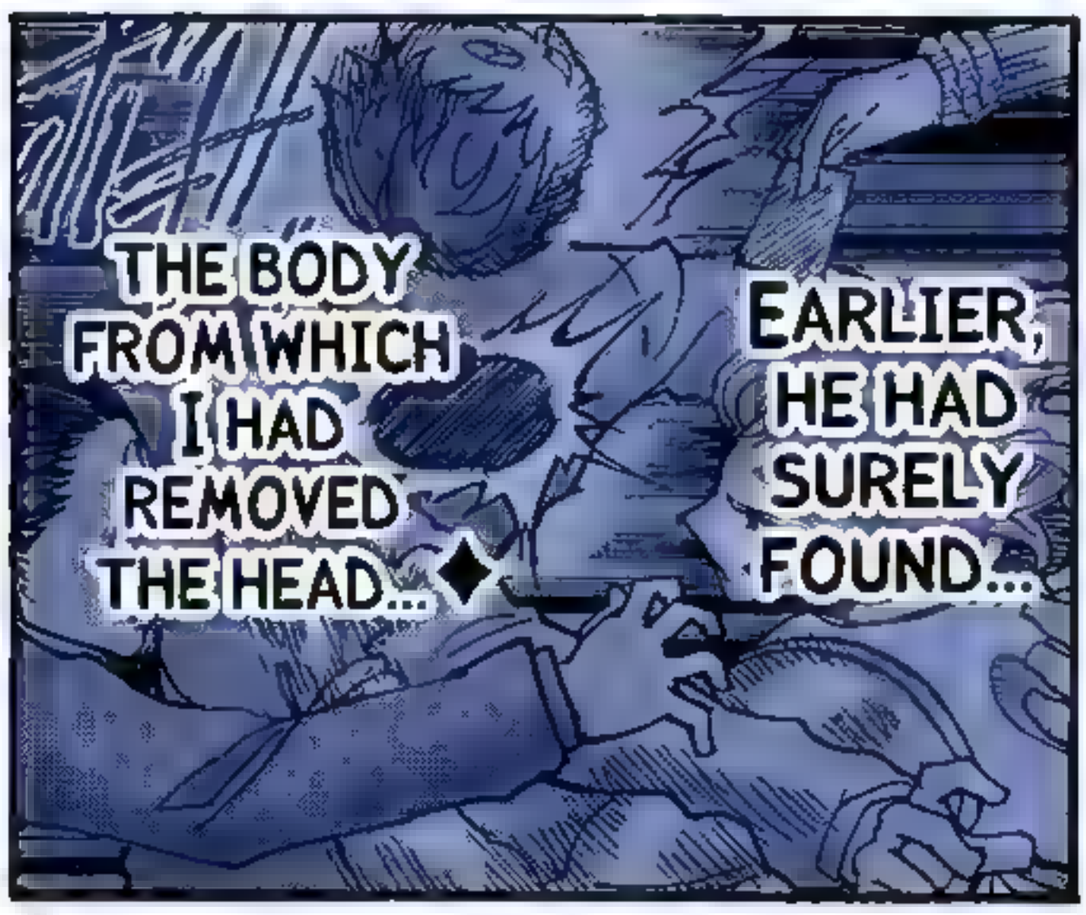
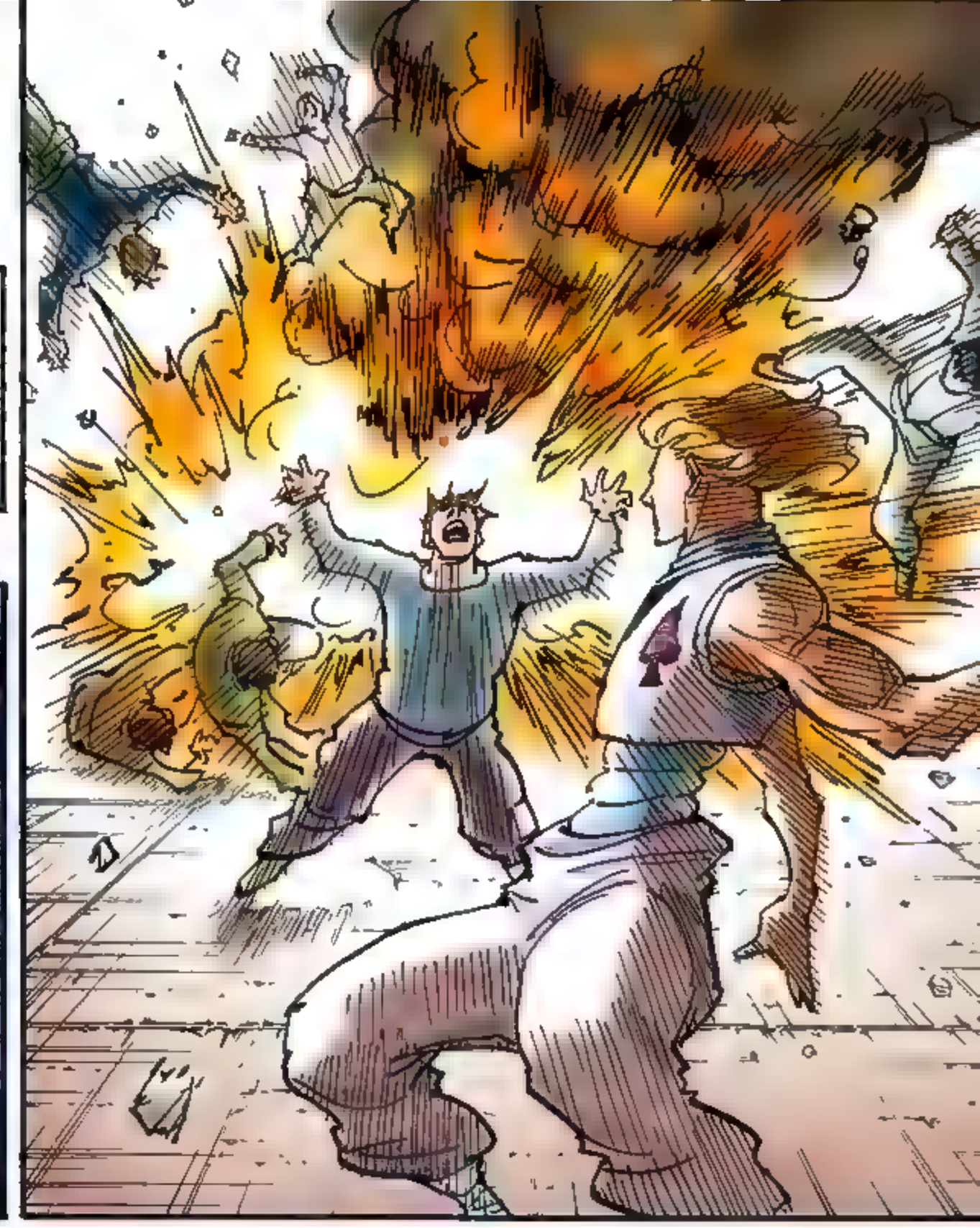
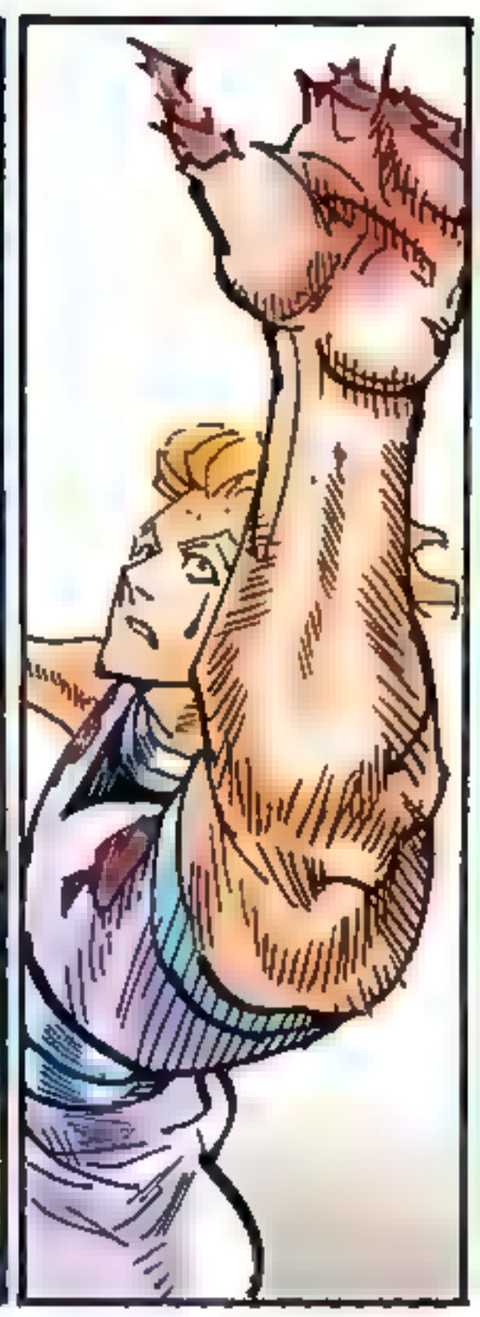

IS OVER THERE ...!
HIS BODY...

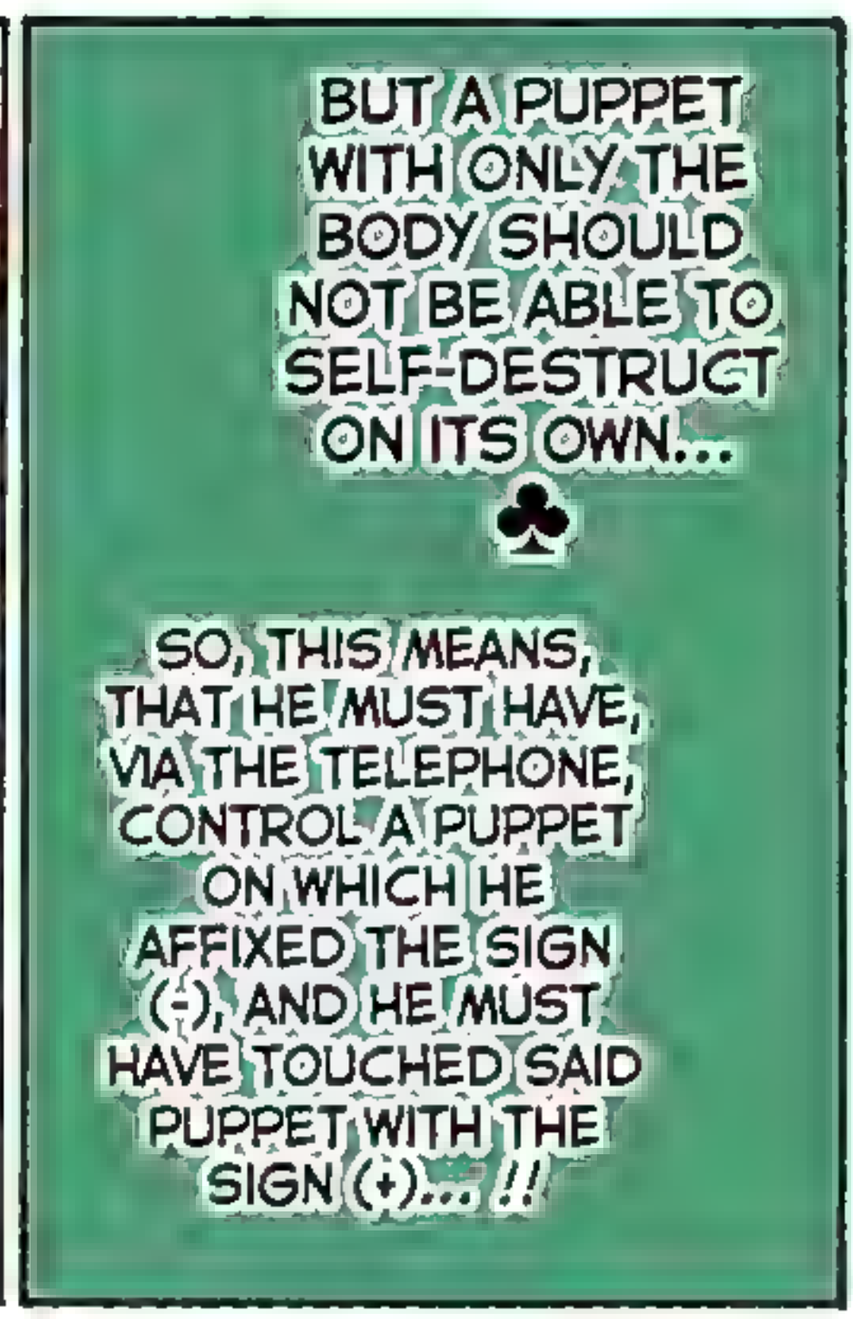

THE BODY FROM WHICH I HAD REMOVED THE HEAD...
EARLIER, HE HAD SURELY FOUND...



BUT IN REALITY... HE WAS JUST TAKING THE TIME TO AFFIX THE SEAL TO THE BODY IN ORDER TO CAUSE A POWERFUL EXPLOSION!!
HE SEEMED TO BE MOVING SLOWLY BECAUSE OF THE INJURIES...

THIS ISN'T GOOD AT ALL...
THE BUNGEE GUM THAT I HAD ATTACHED IN CASE, ON THE CEILING, IS NO LONGER THERE...




BUT A PUPPET WITH ONLY THE BODY SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SELF-DESTRUCT ON ITS OWN...
SO, THIS MEANS, THAT HE MUST HAVE, VIA THE TELEPHONE, CONTROL A PUPPET ON WHICH HE AFFIXED THE SIGN (-), AND HE MUST HAVE TOUCHED SAID PUPPET WITH THE SIGN (+)... !!

TO ANALYZE AND TRY TO BREAK DOWN YOUR WHOLE STRATEGY...

I IMAGINE THAT NOW, I COULD NOT TAKE THE TIME ...

WHAT A DISA-PPOINT-MENT...

NOW IT'S DO OR DIE !!!

TIME TO GO ALL IN.

CON-TRACT !!!

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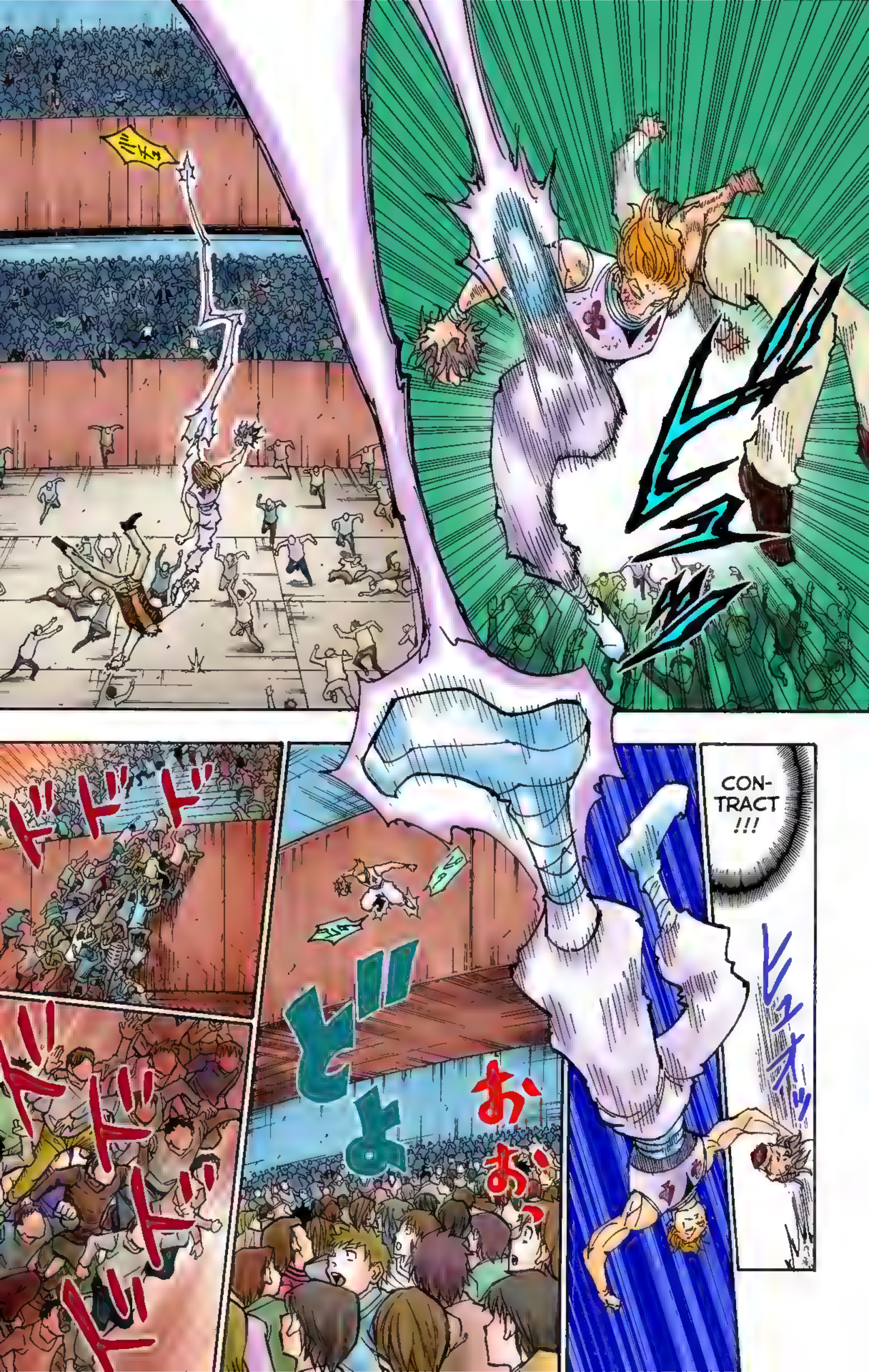
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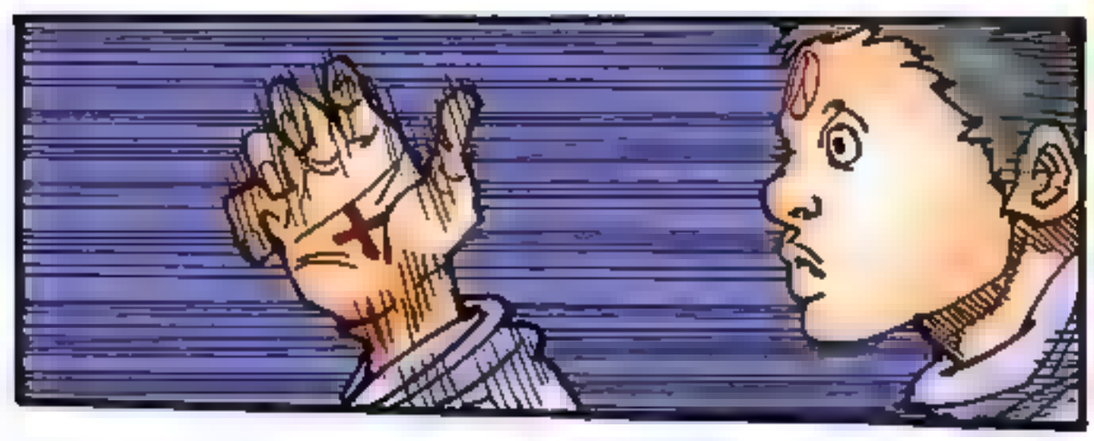
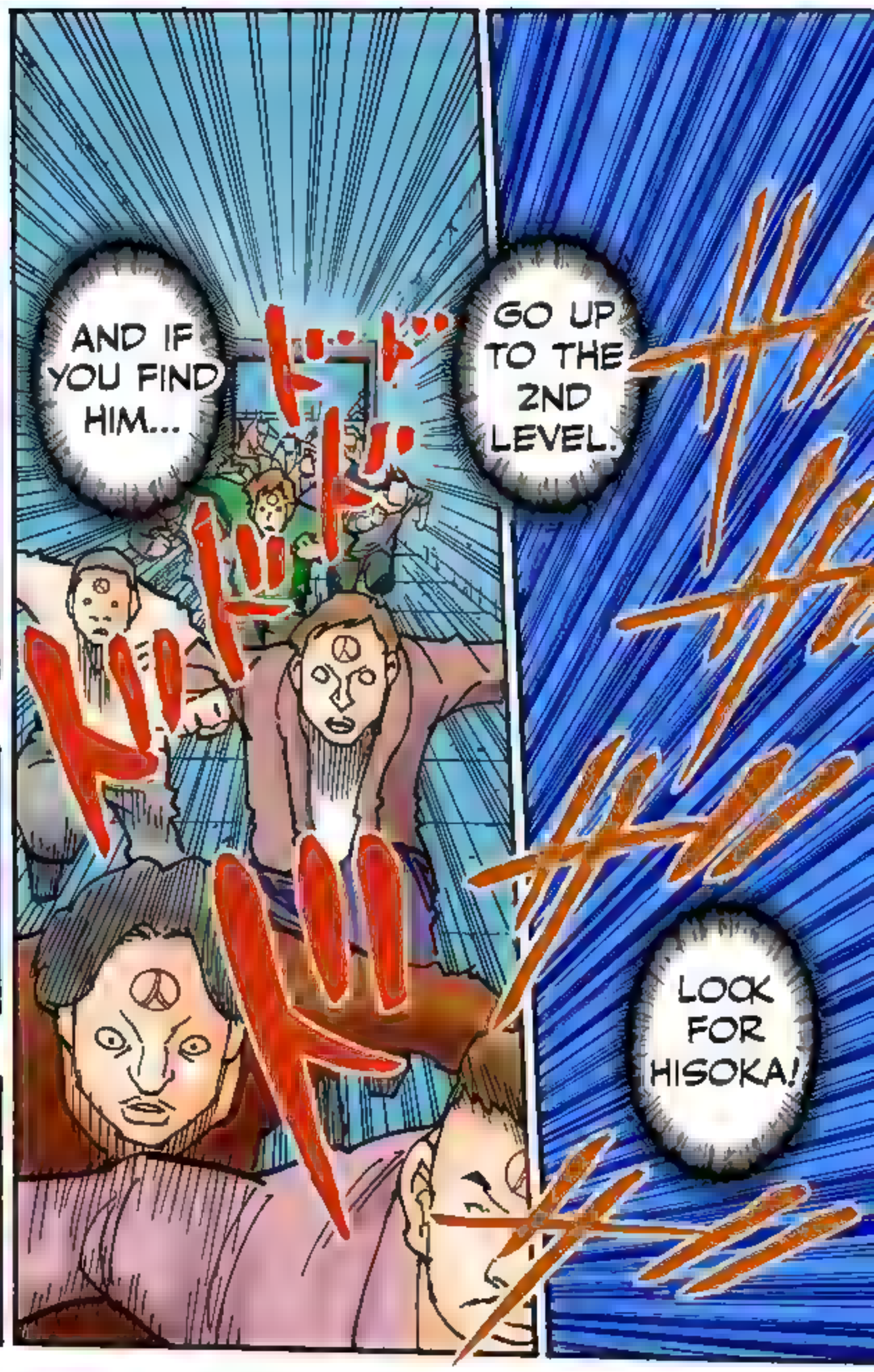
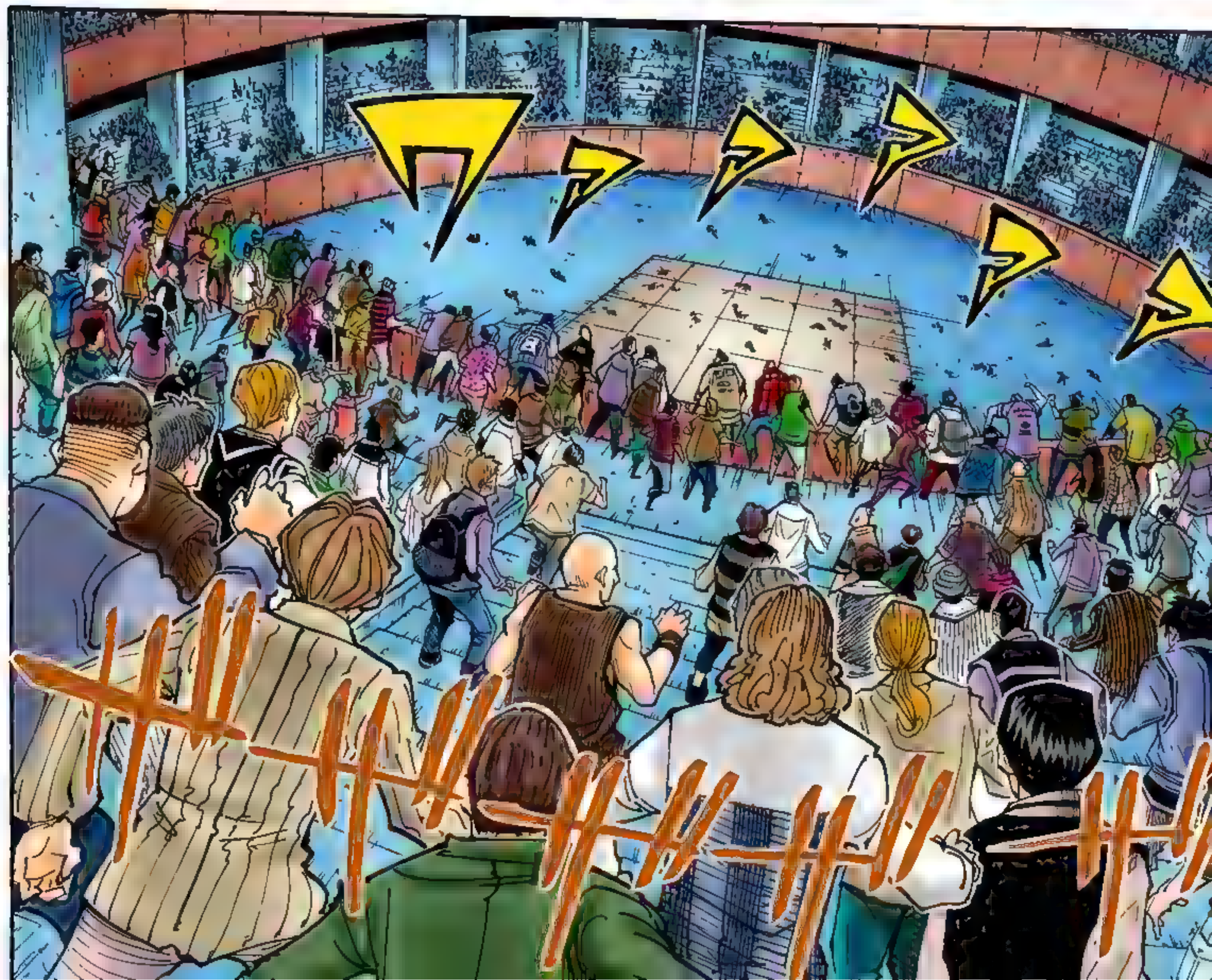
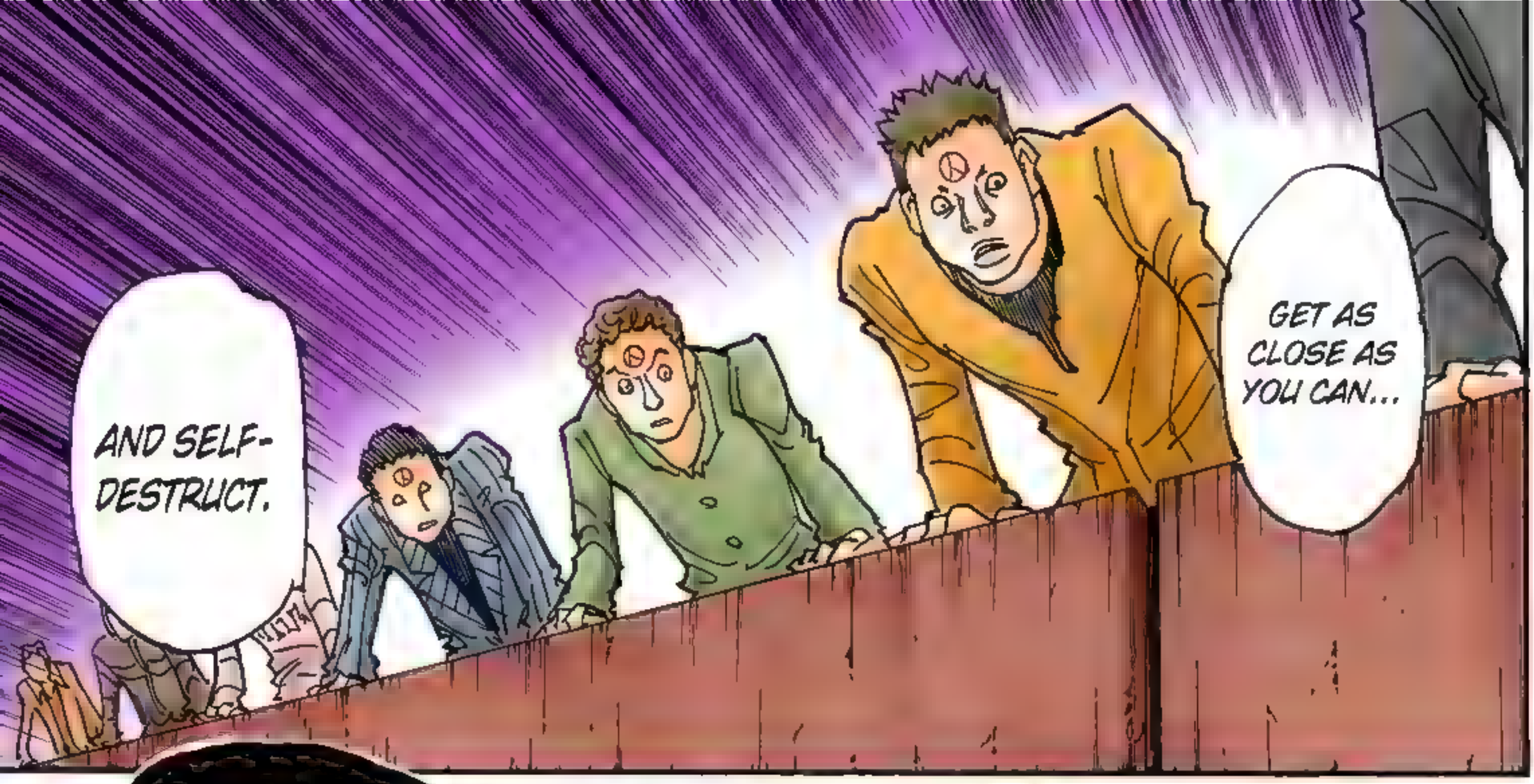
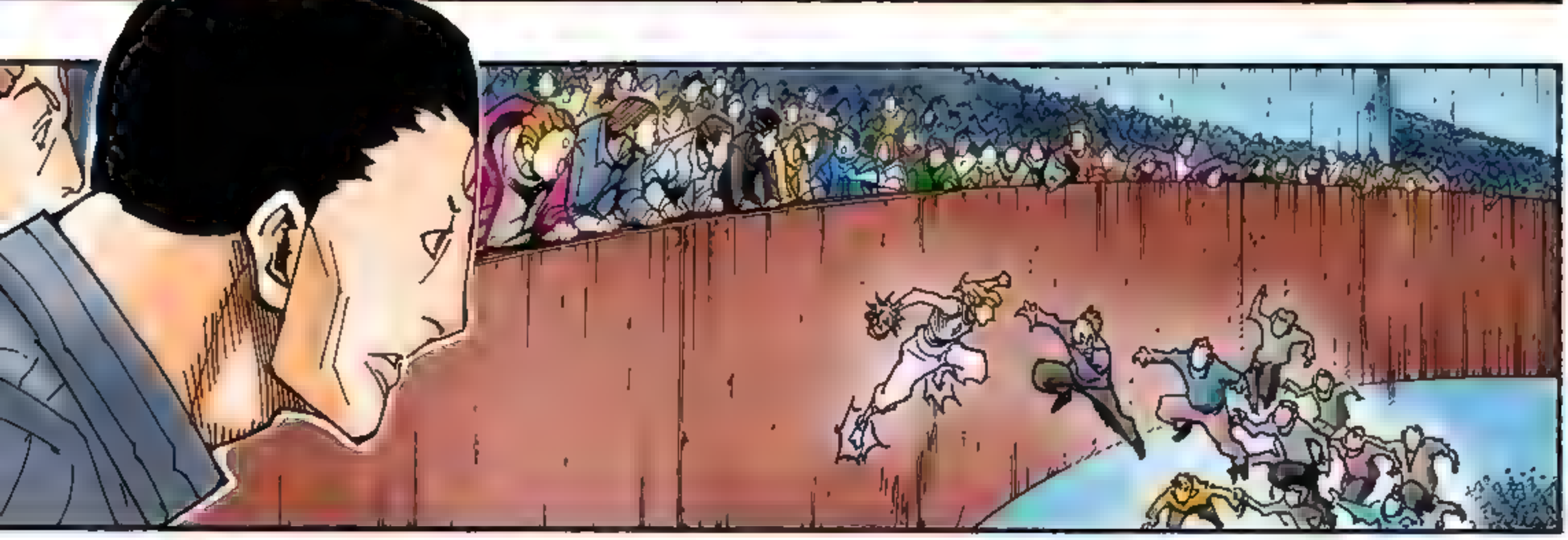
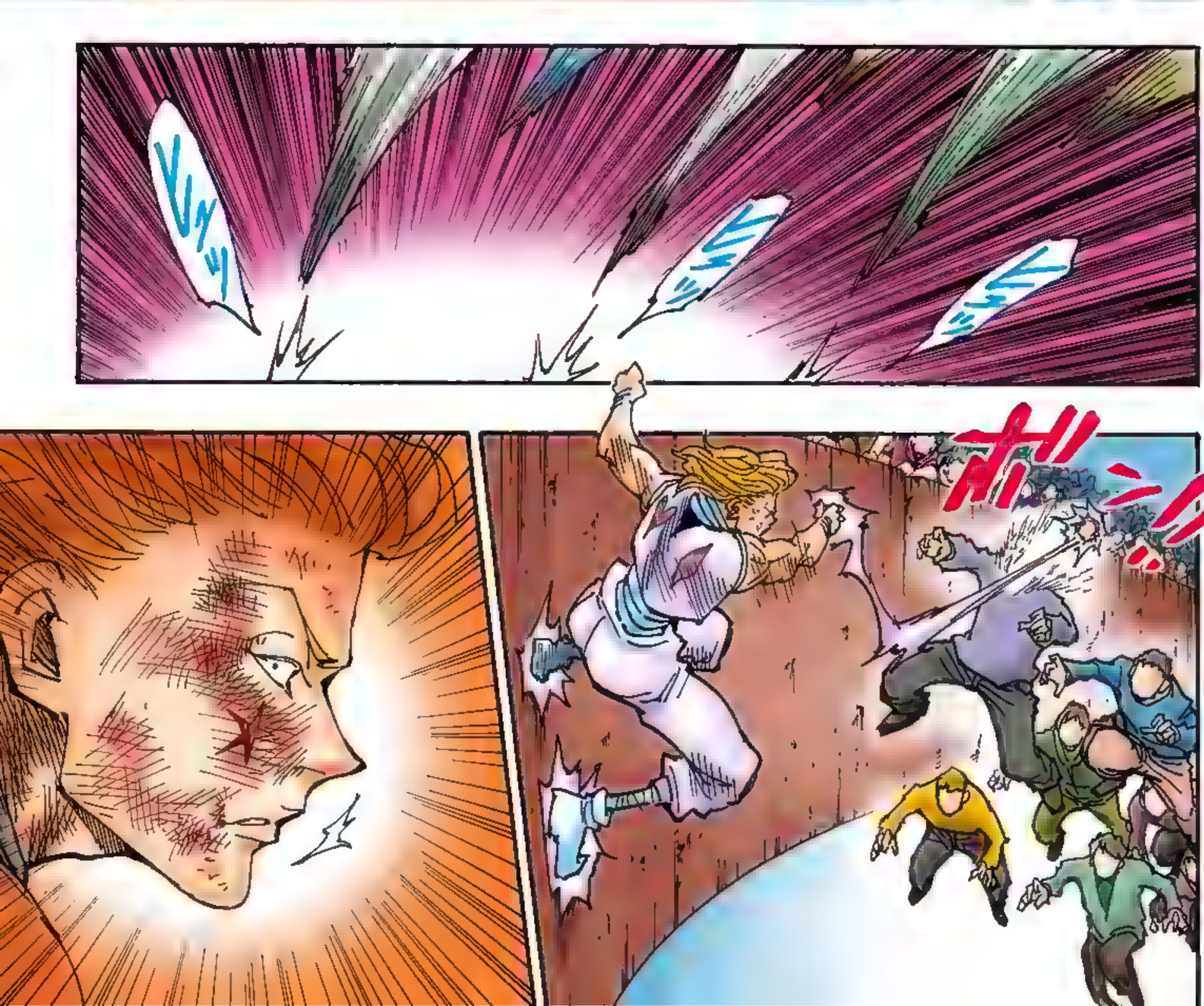



AND IF YOU FIND HIM...
GO UP TO THE 2ND LEVEL.
LOOK FOR HISOKA!




AND SELF-DESTRUCT.
GET AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN...

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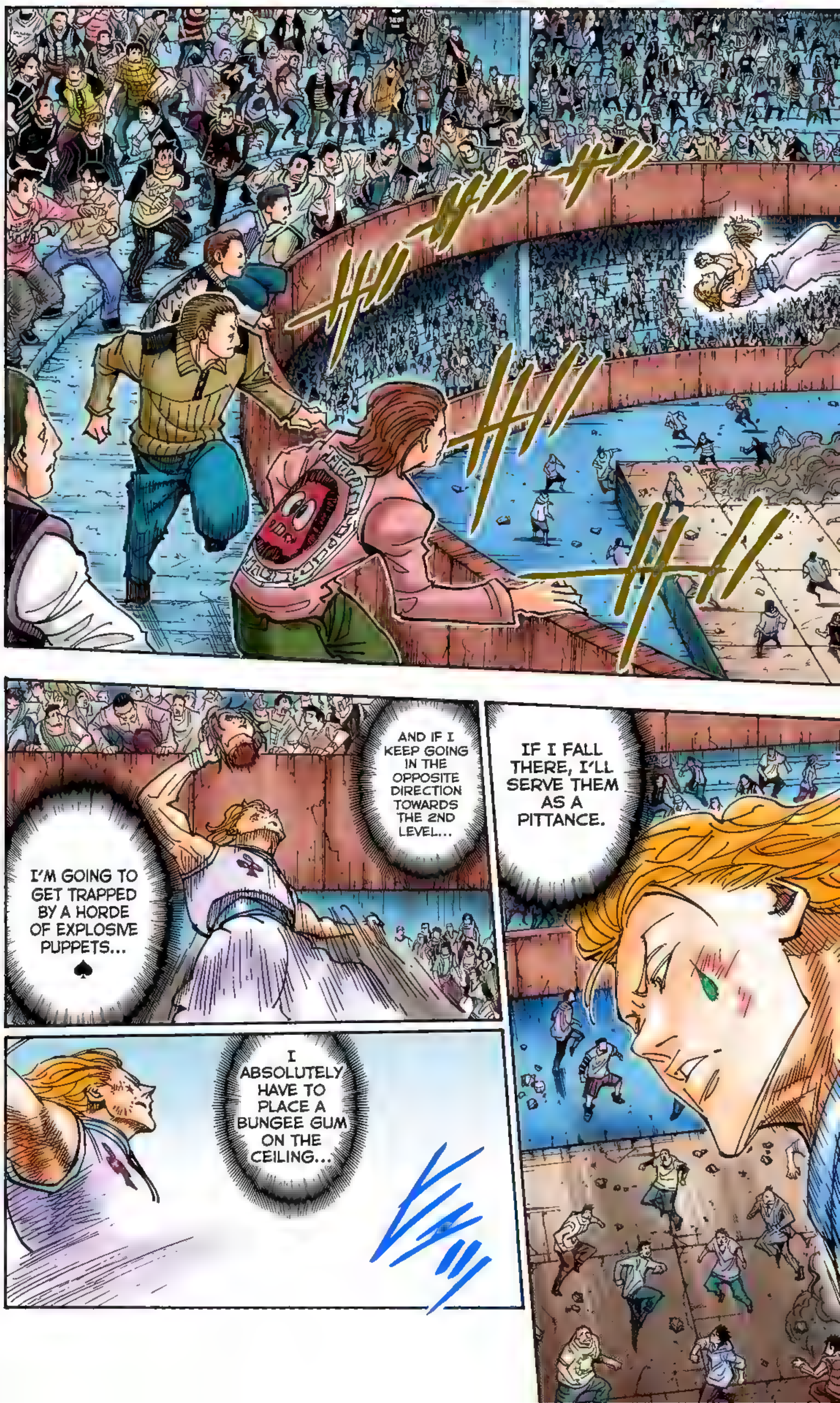
I'M GOING TO GET TRAPPED BY A HORDE OF EXPLOSIVE PUPPETS...
AND IF I KEEP GOING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION TOWARDS THE 2ND LEVEL...
I ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO PLACE A BUNGEE GUM ON THE CEILING...
IF I FALL THERE, I'LL SERVE THEM AS A PITTANCE.

OH...
I SEE...
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I'LL HAVE TO USE MY LEFT LEG...!!
WELL THEN...

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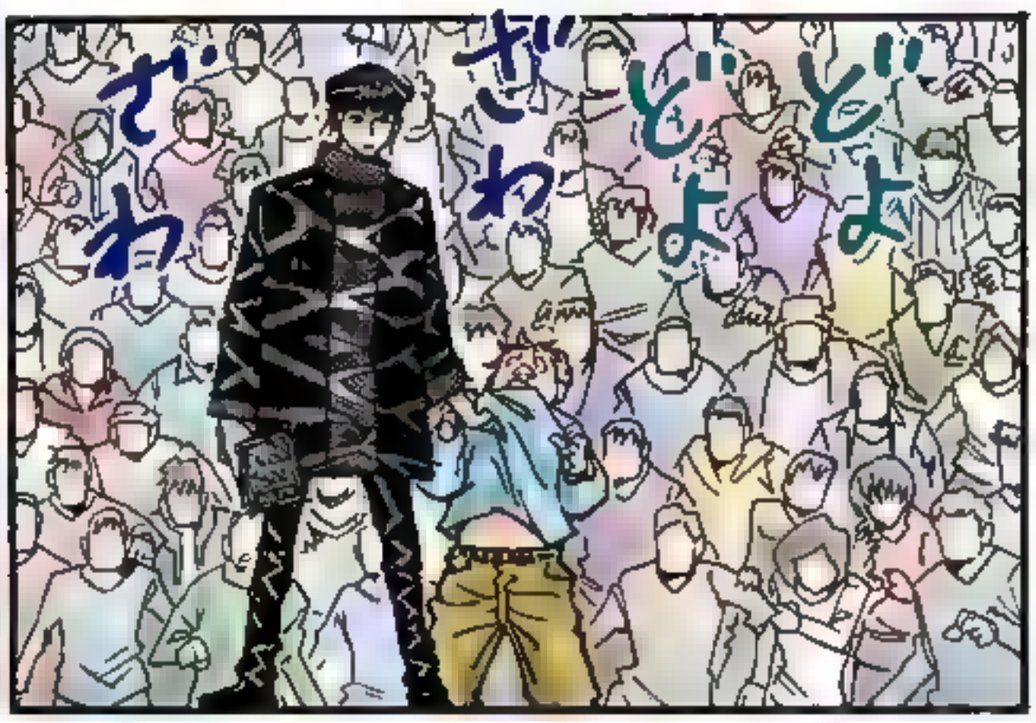
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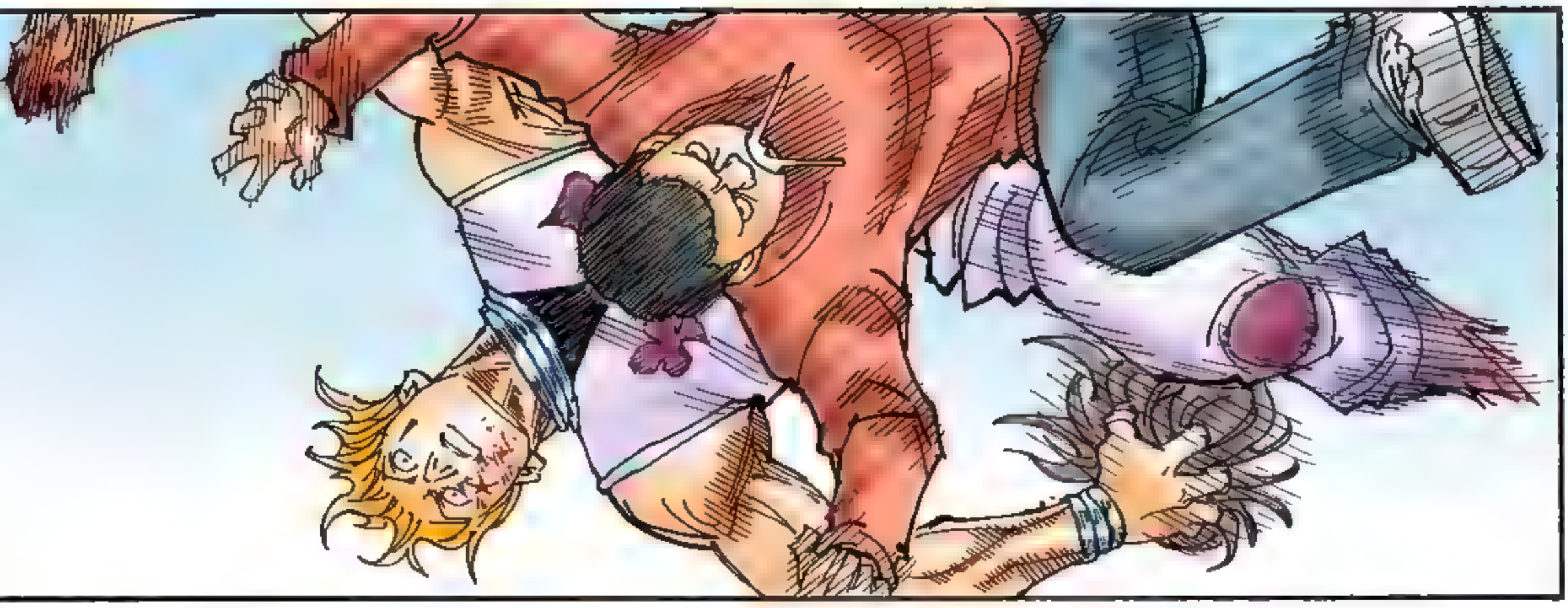
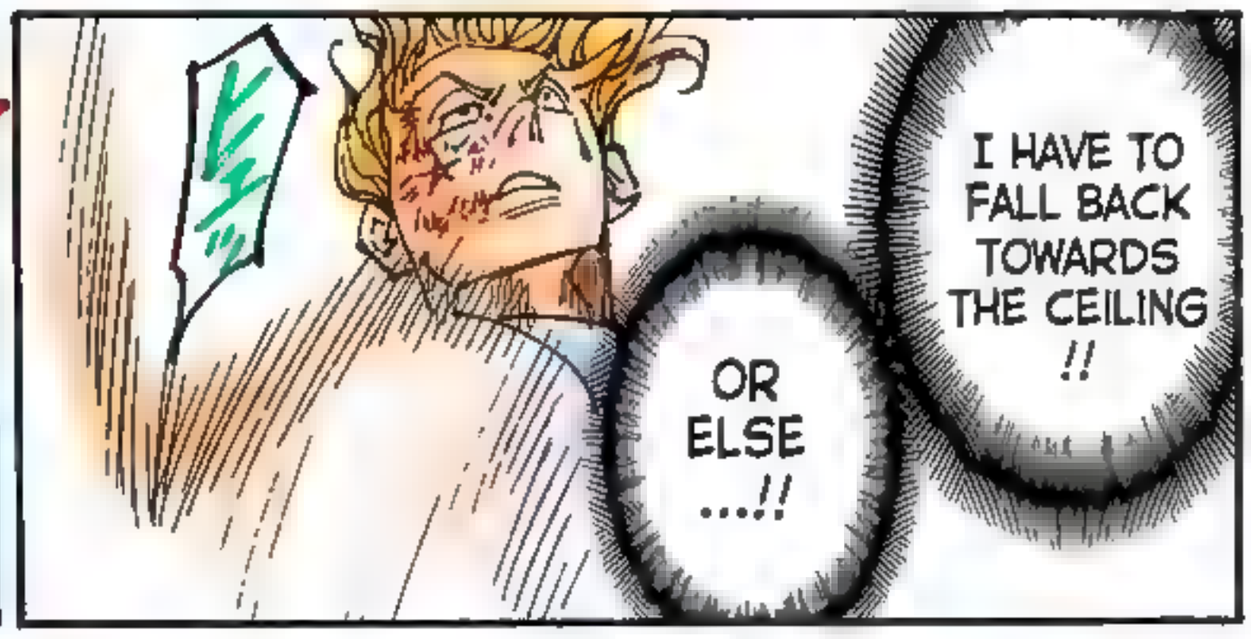
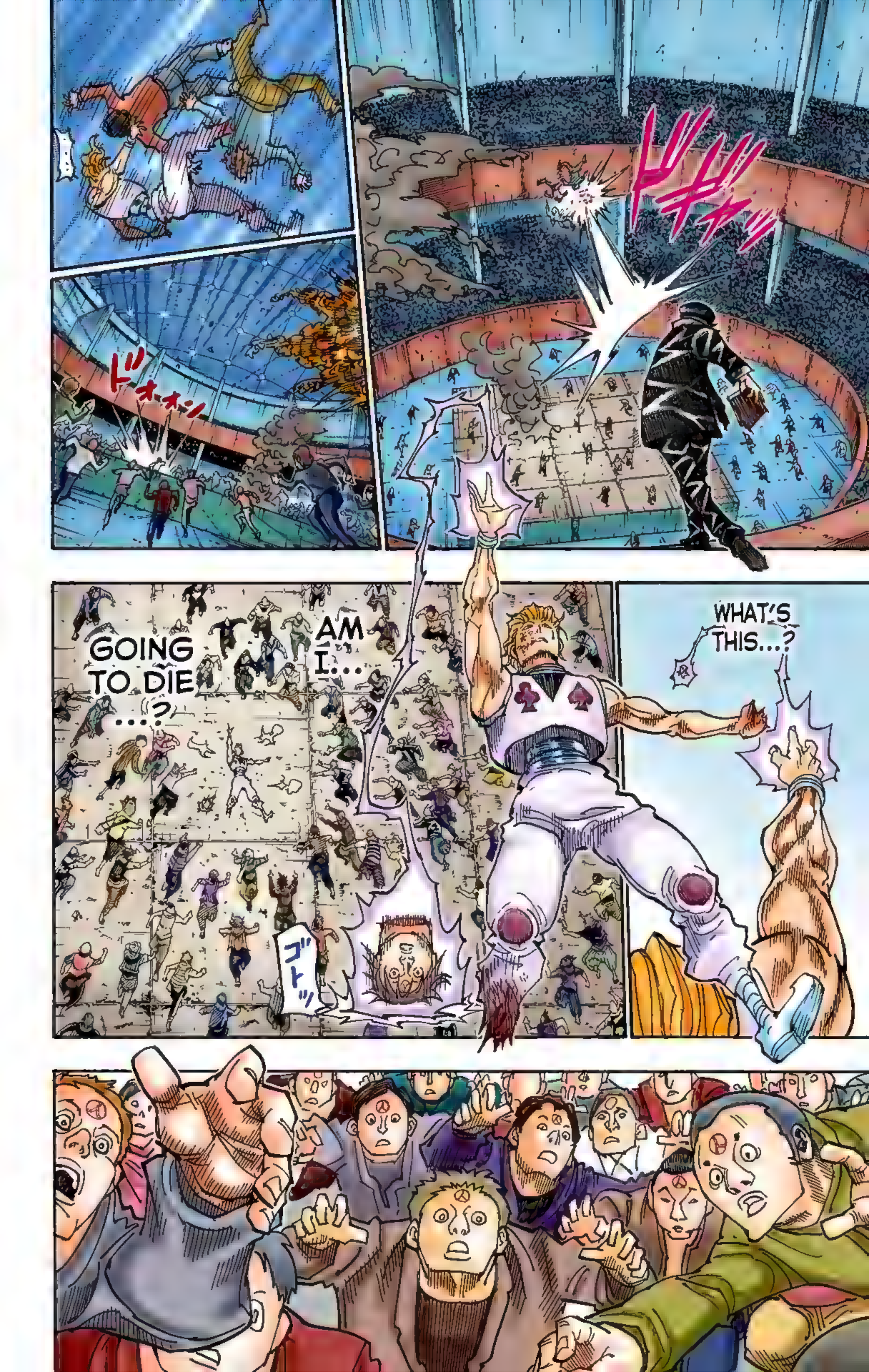



I HAVE TO FALL BACK TOWARDS THE CEILING !!
OR ELSE ...!!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GOING TO DIE...?
AM I...
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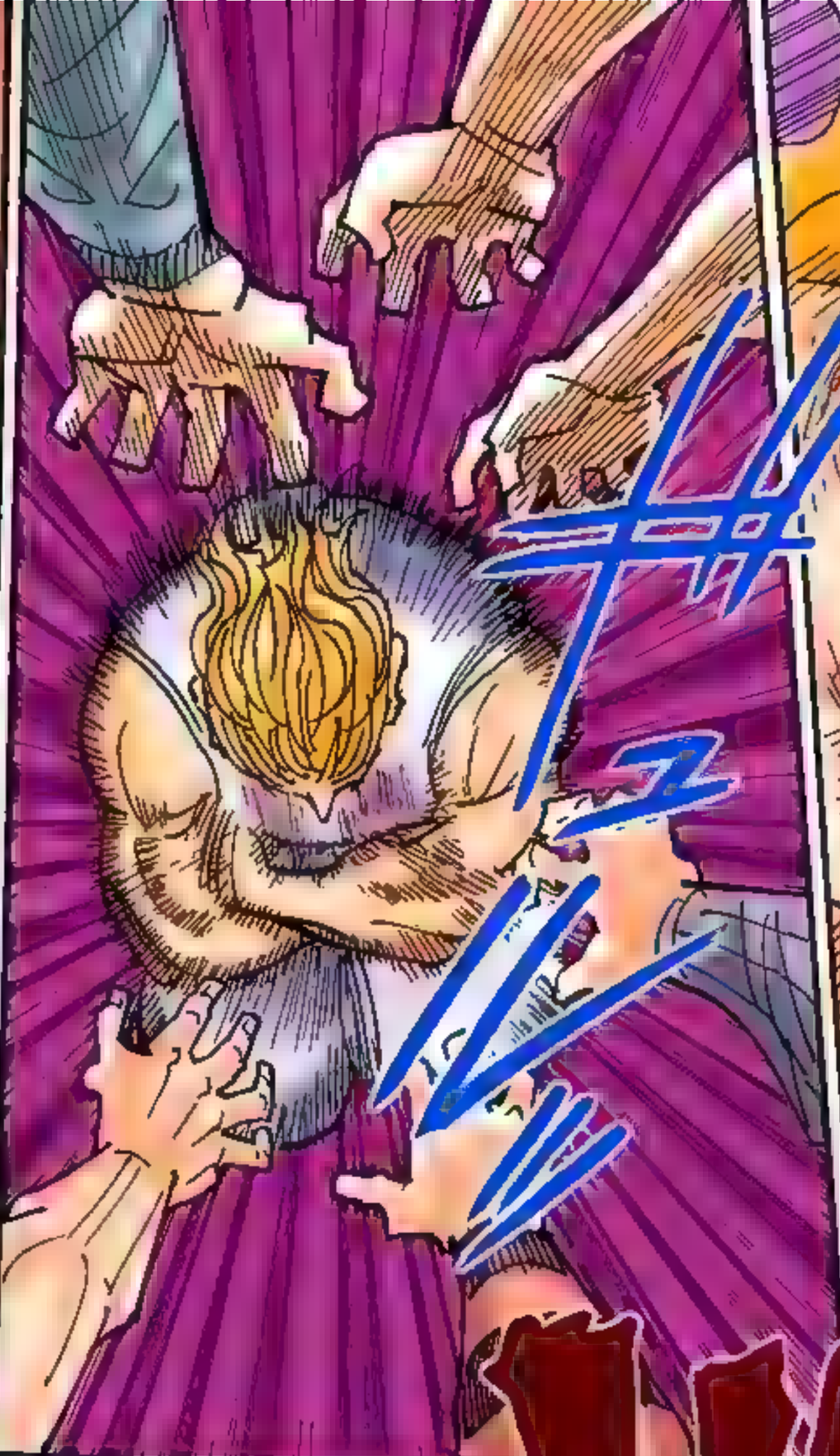
WHAT'S THIS...?



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I AM STANDING HERE, JUST HUNDREDS OF METERS AWAY, FROM GROUND ZERO WHERE A MASSIVE EXPLOSION HAS JUST GONE OFF IN THE HEAVENS AREAN!!

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THERE ARE DROVES OF FIRE ENGINES AND PARAMEDICS ALL SWARMING AROUND THE AREA, RUSHING BACK AND FORTH... IT'S ALMOST LIKE A WARZONE!!

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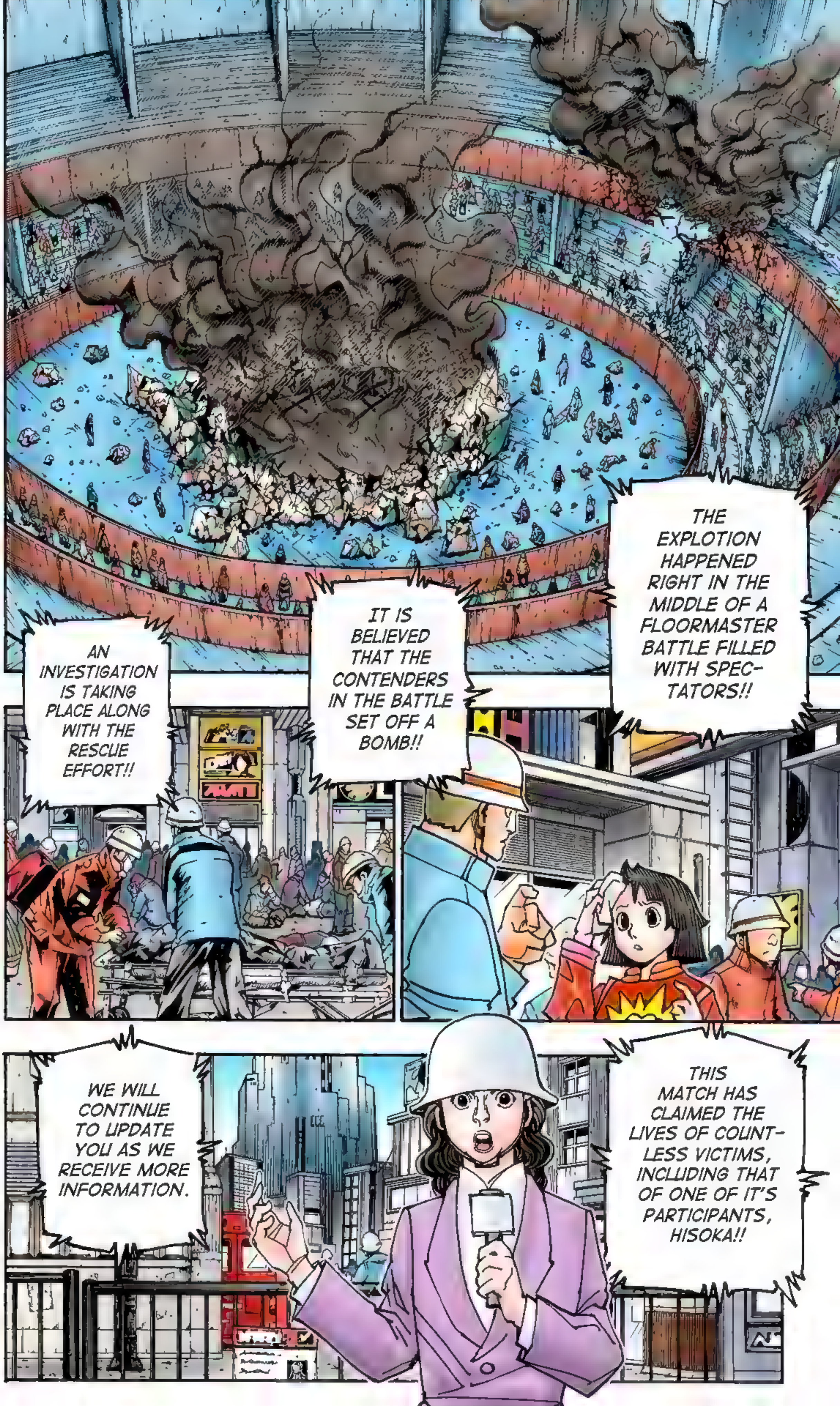
AN INVESTIGATION IS TAKING PLACE ALONG WITH THE RESCUE EFFORT!!
IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE CONTENDERS IN THE BATTLE SET OFF A BOMB!!
THE EXPLOTION HAPPENED RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A FLOORMASTER BATTLE FILLED WITH SPEC-TATORS!!
WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE YOU AS WE RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION.
THIS MATCH HAS CLAIMED THE LIVES OF COUNT-LESS VICTIMS, INCLUDING THAT OF ONE OF IT'S PARTICIPANTS, HISOKA!!

I KIND OF EXPECTED HIM TO HAVE TAKEN MORE DAMAGE THAN THIS.
BEFORE THE EXPLOSIVE PUPPETS COULD GET CLOSE TO HIM, HE WAS SWARMED BY 200 OTHER PUPPETS THAT HAD RECEIVED THE COMMAND TO "BREAK".
IT SEEMS THEY ENDED UP SERVING THE "CUSHION" HIM FROM THE EXPLOSION SOMEWHAT.
THE CAUSE OF DEATH SEEMS TO BE SUFFOCATION FROM LACK OF OXYGEN DUE TO BOTH THE BLAST AND THE MASS OF FLESH.

WELL, HE DID PAY ME IN ADVANCE, AFTER ALL...

I'M JUST GONNA STITCH HIM UP A BIT, AND I'LL BE ON MY WAY.

WELL... MACHI IS A NICE PERSON AT HEART, AFTER ALL.

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SHE WOULDN'T ACCEPT THE MONEY WHEN HE WAS FIGHTING CHROLLO, RIGHT?

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YOU'RE NOT COMING BACK WITH US, MACHI?

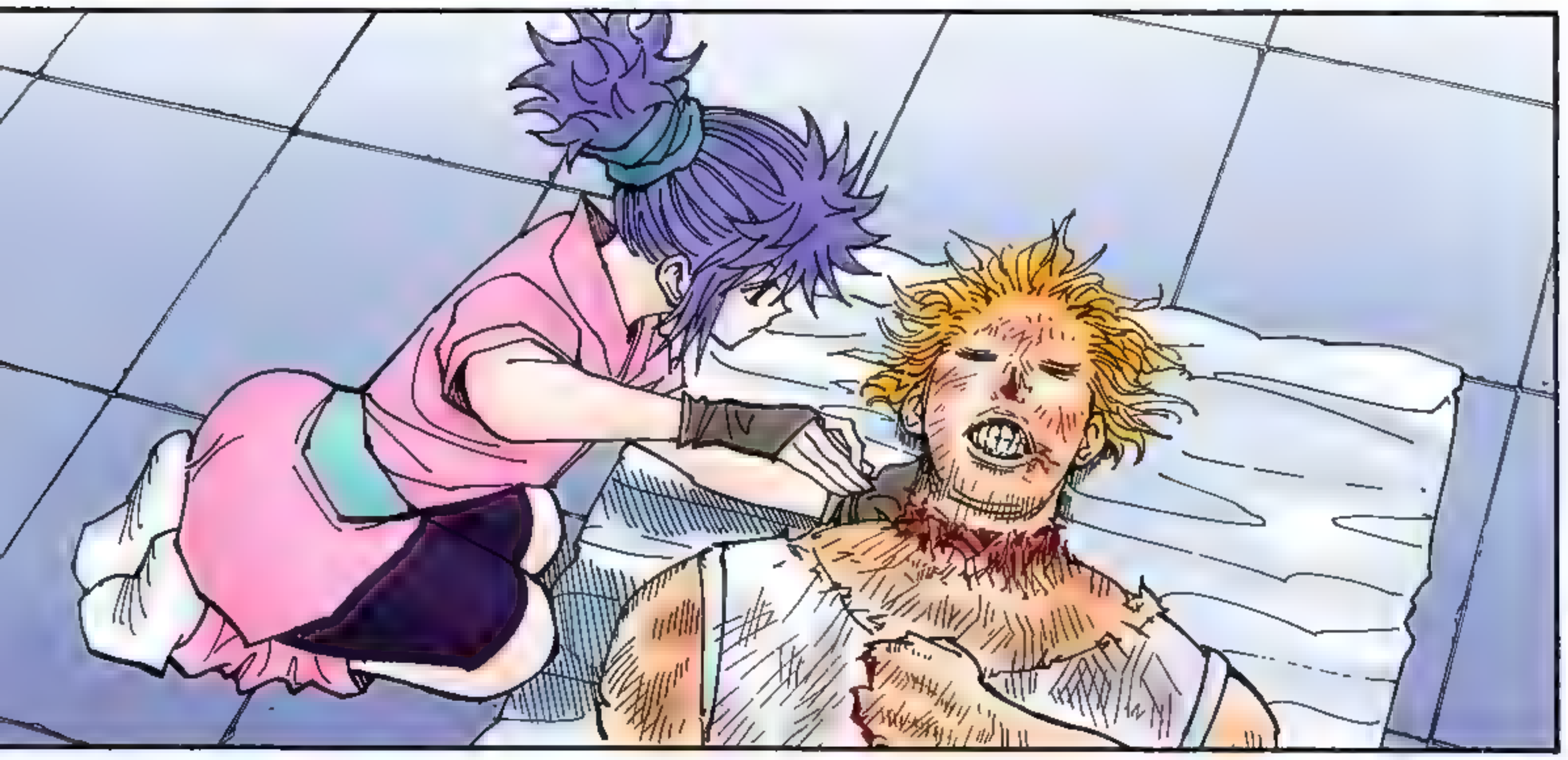
WE'VE ALREADY CONFIRMED HIS DEATH.

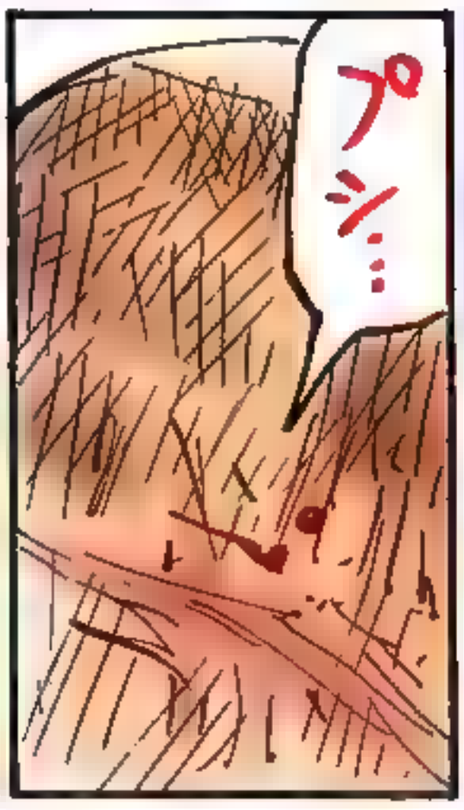
OKAY...

RIGHT THEN, WILL CATCH UP WITH YOU LATER...

THIS IS A THANK YOU... FOR HELPING WITH THE BOSS' NEN EXORCISM.

THE WOUNDS AROUND HIS NECK REALLY ARE SEVERLY ...
AND I GUESS I SHOULD CLEAN UP HIS FACE, TOO...

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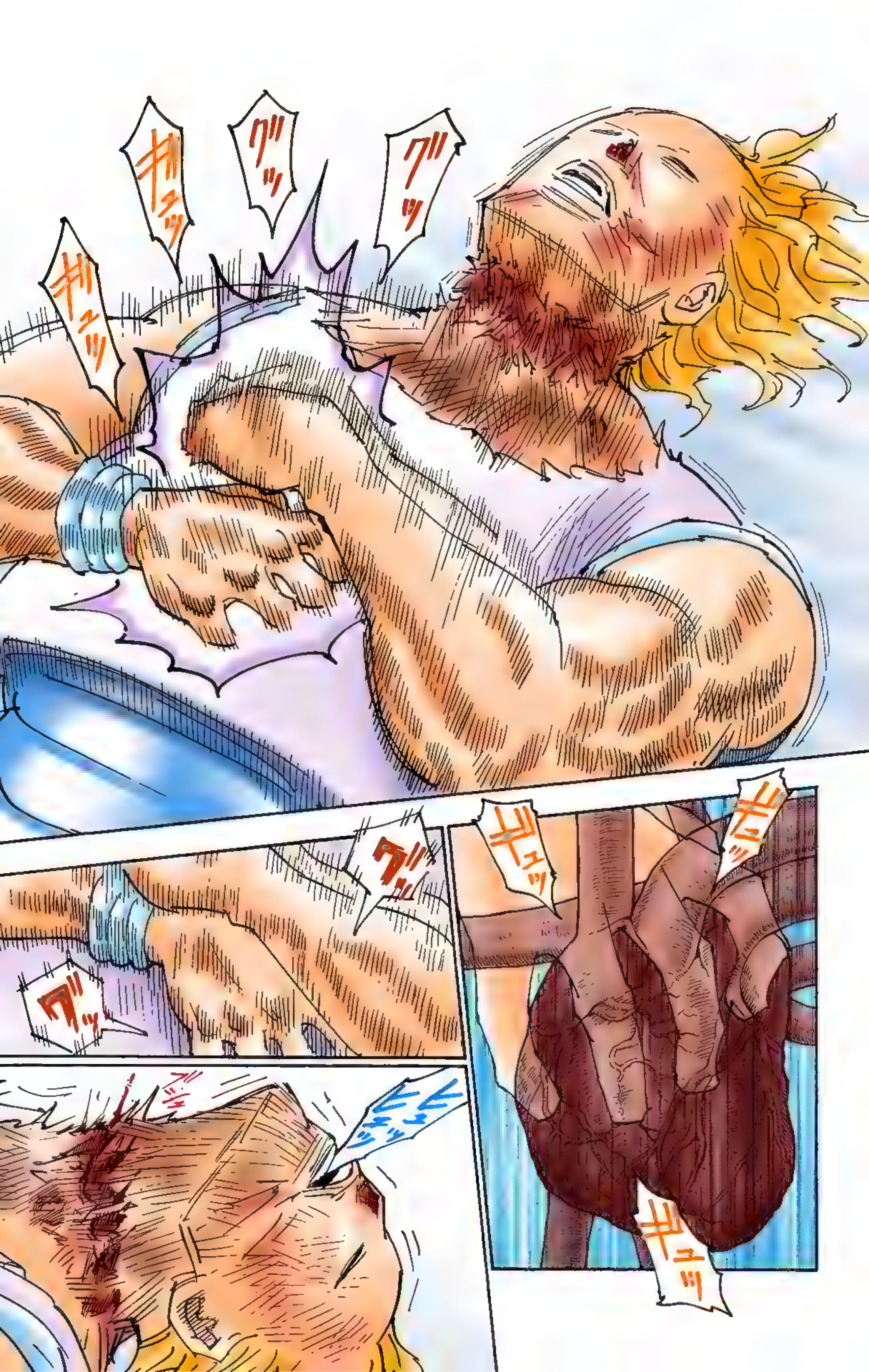
HISOKA IS AS DEAD AS A DOORNAIL!! IT CAN'T BE..

AURA?! IMPOSSIBLE ...!!

EVEN AFTER DEATH ...?!!

NEN THAT BECOMES STRONGER...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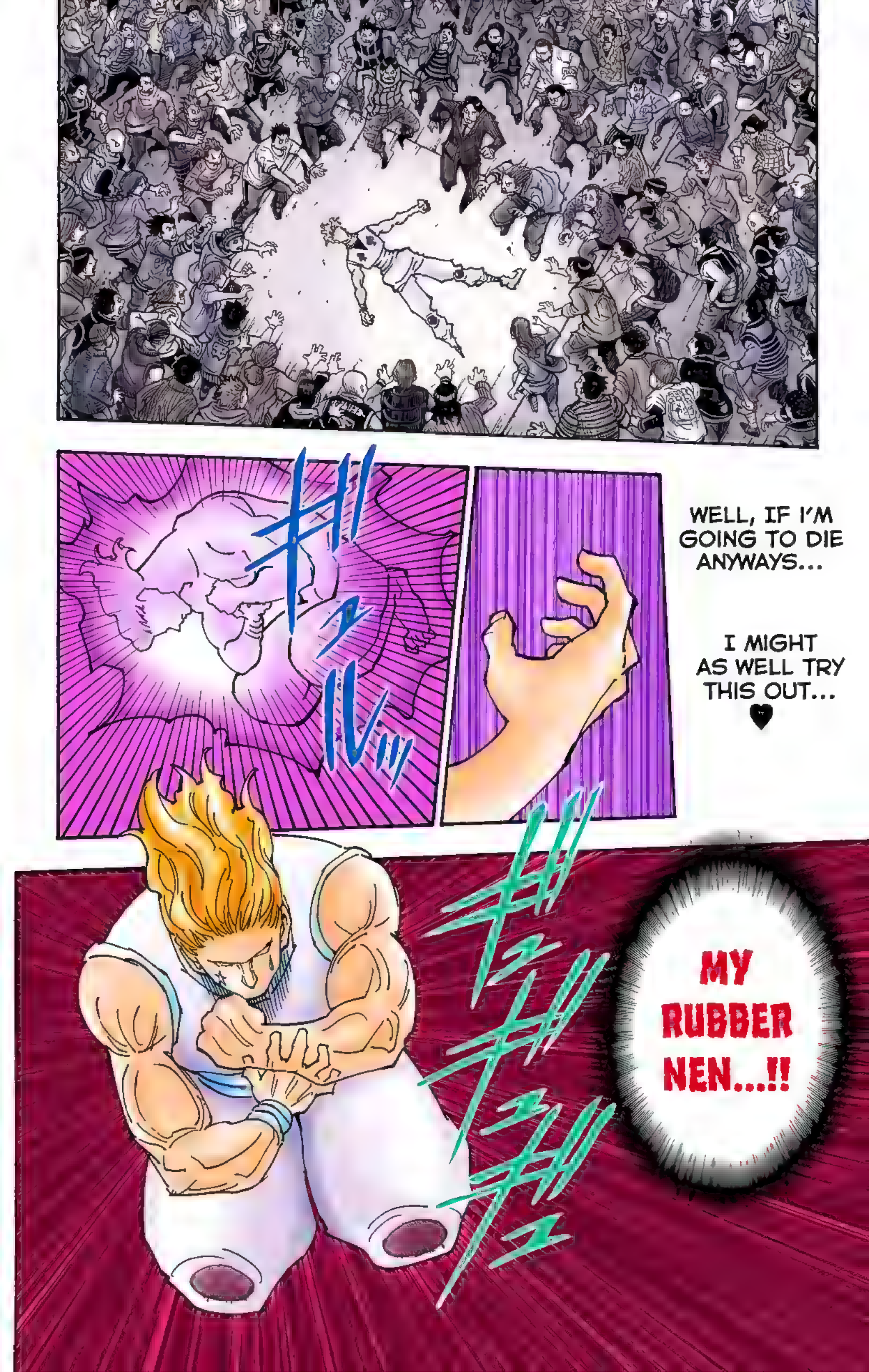
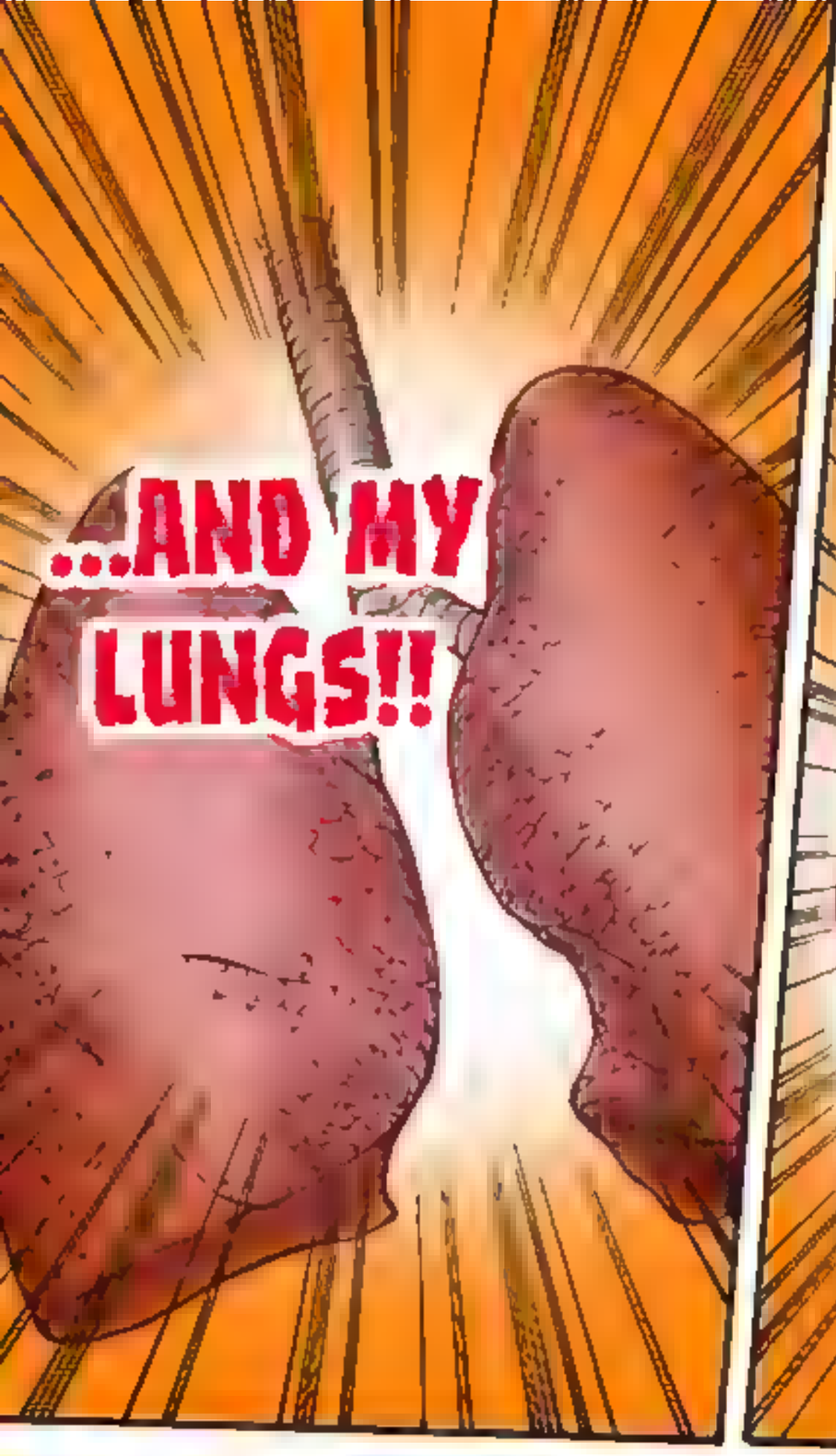
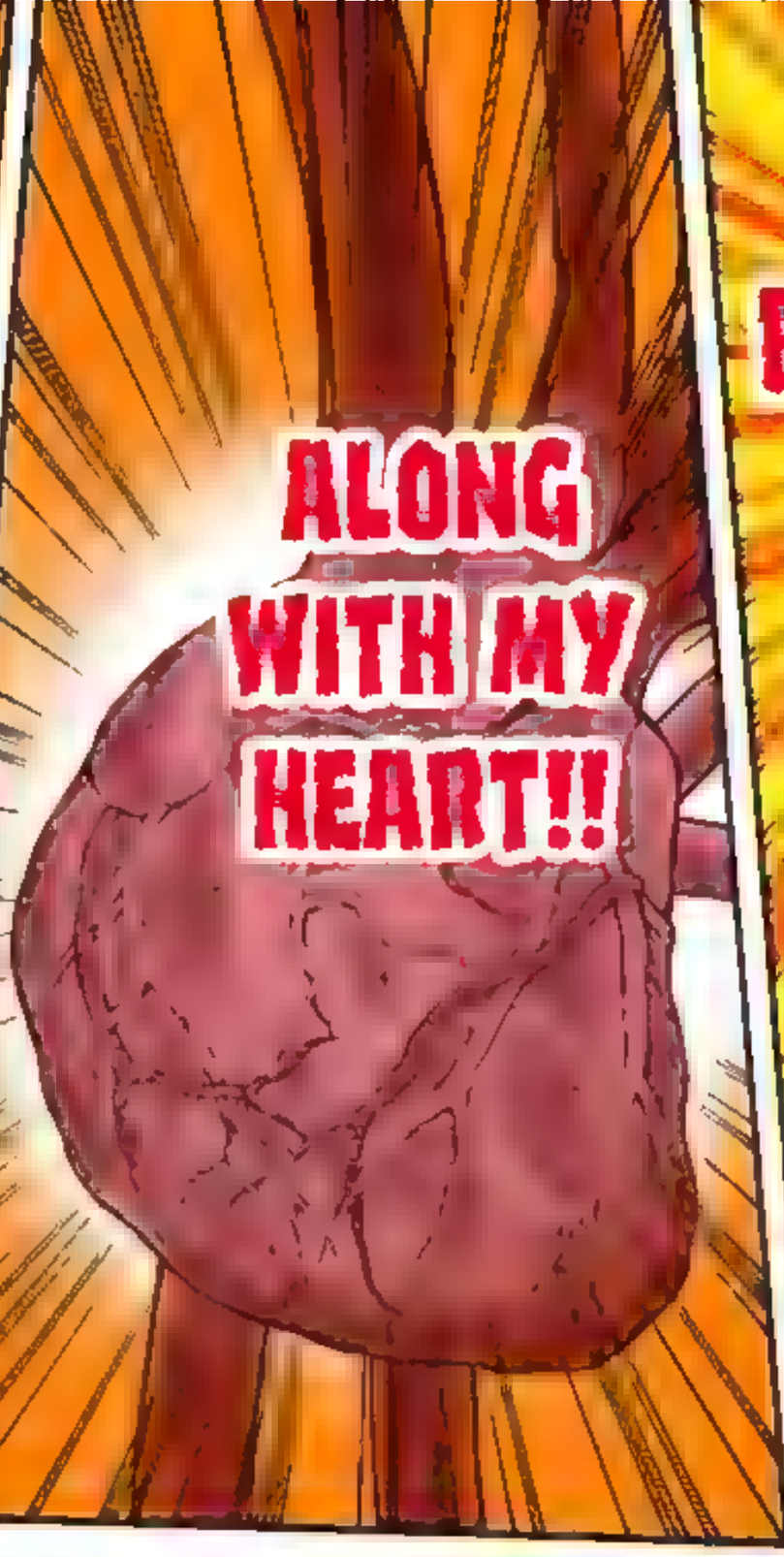
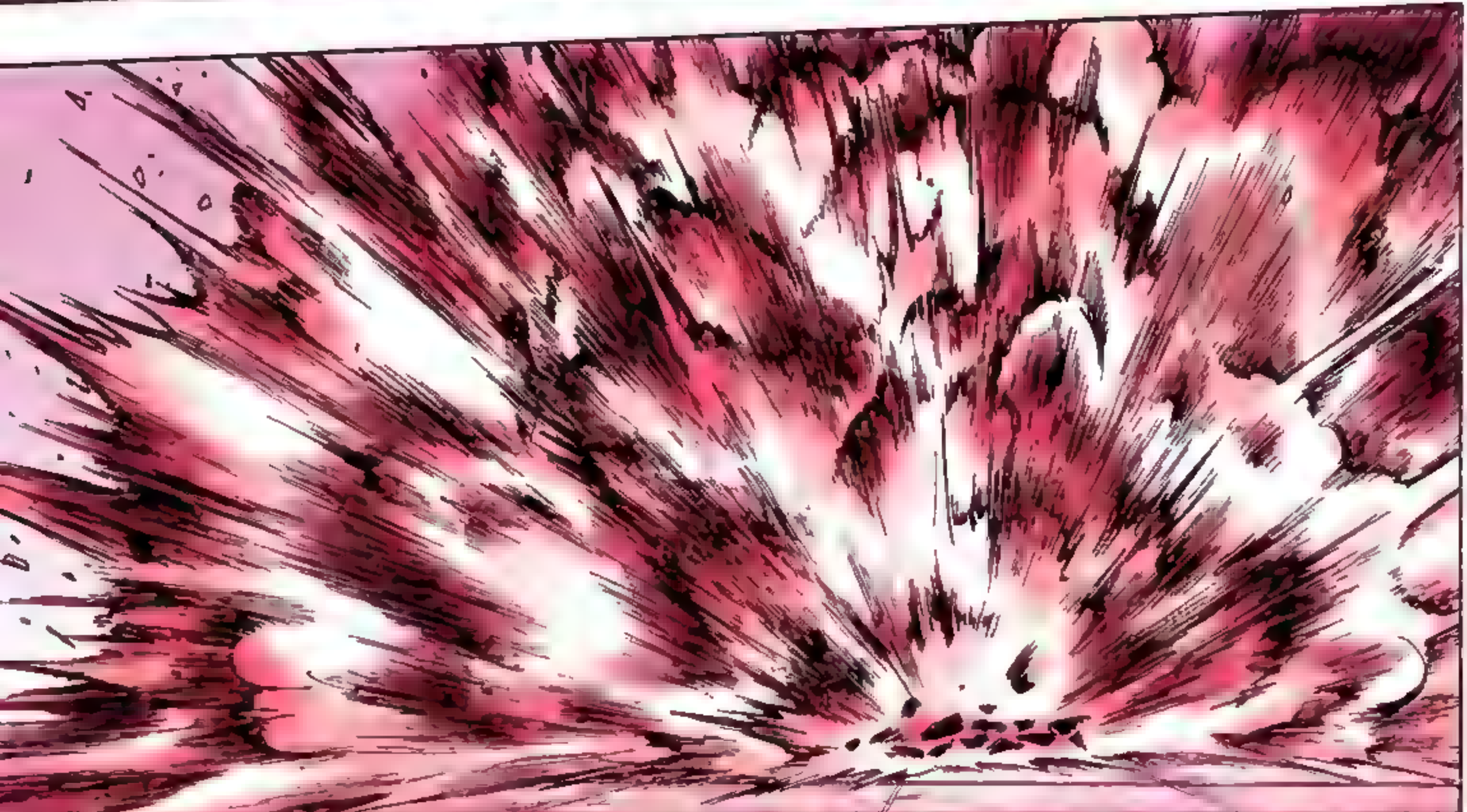

WELL, IF I'M GOING TO DIE ANYWAYS...
I MIGHT AS WELL TRY THIS OUT...
MY RUBBER NEN...!!


...AND MY LUNGS!!


ALONG WITH MY HEART!!

COME BACK TO LIFE!!
AFTER I'M DEAD...

THEN EXPAND AND CON-TRACT!!
CRADLE THEM... CARESS THEM...



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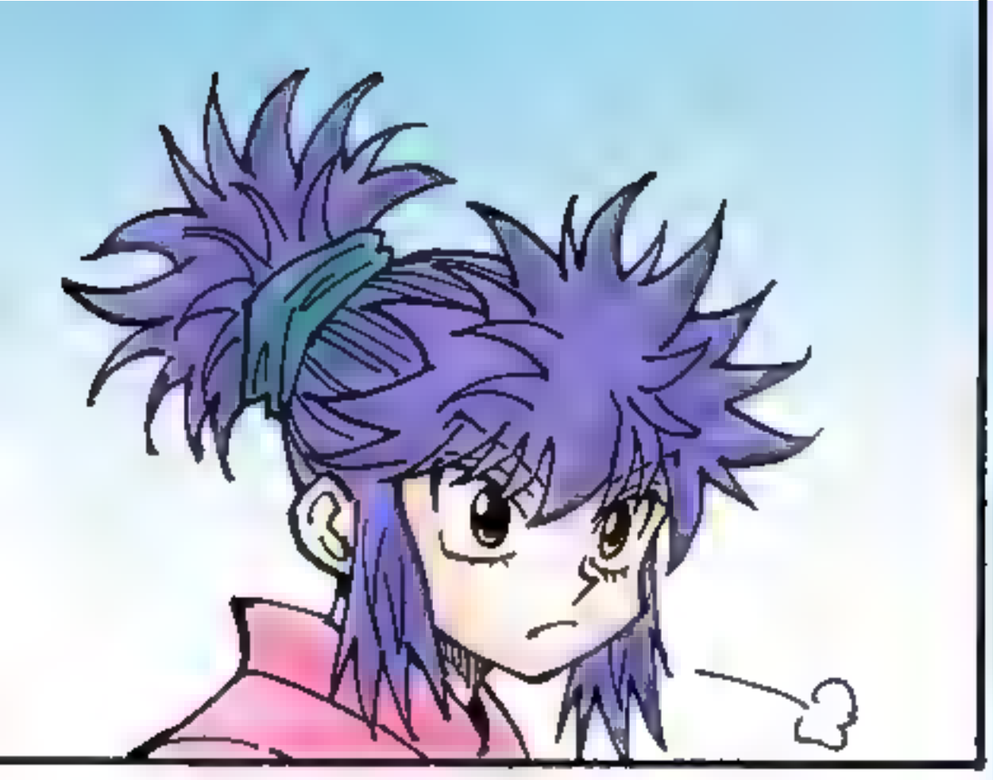
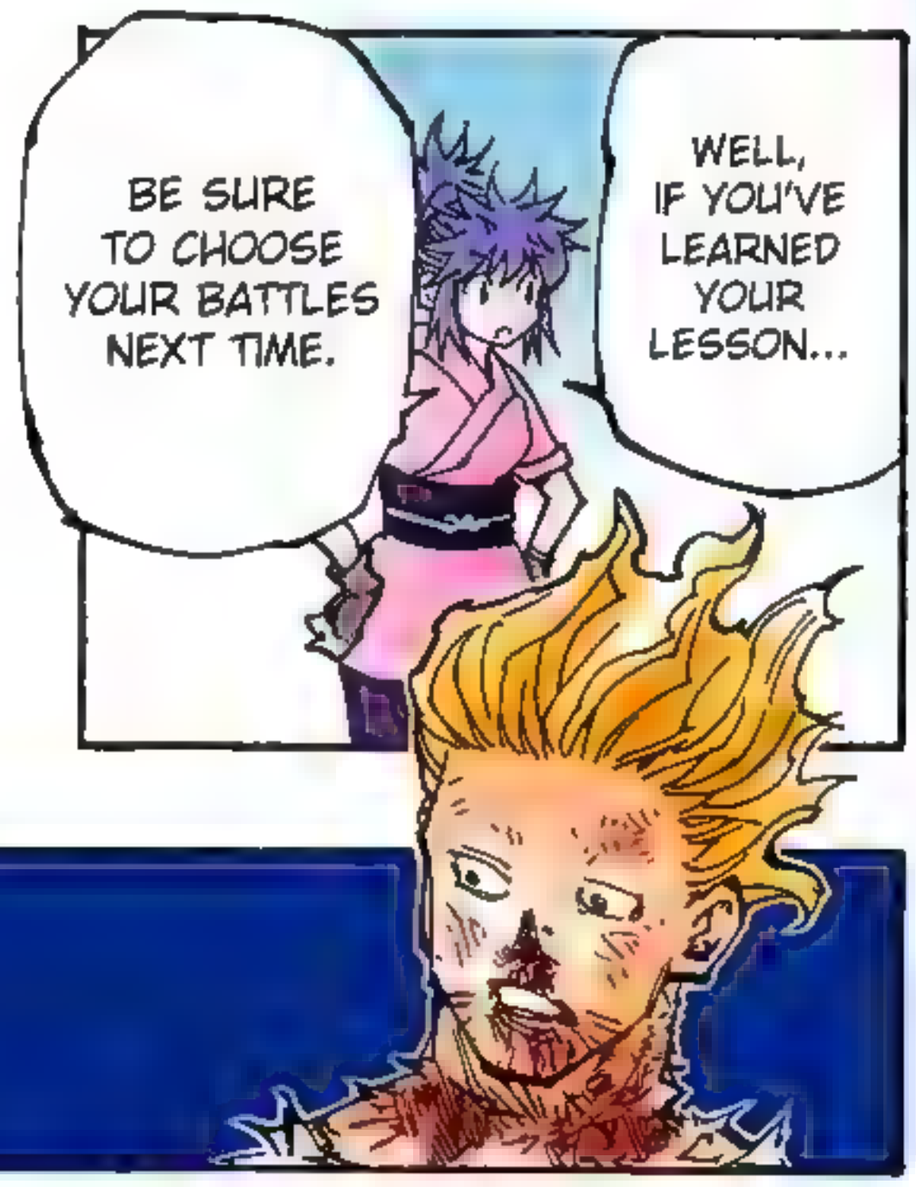
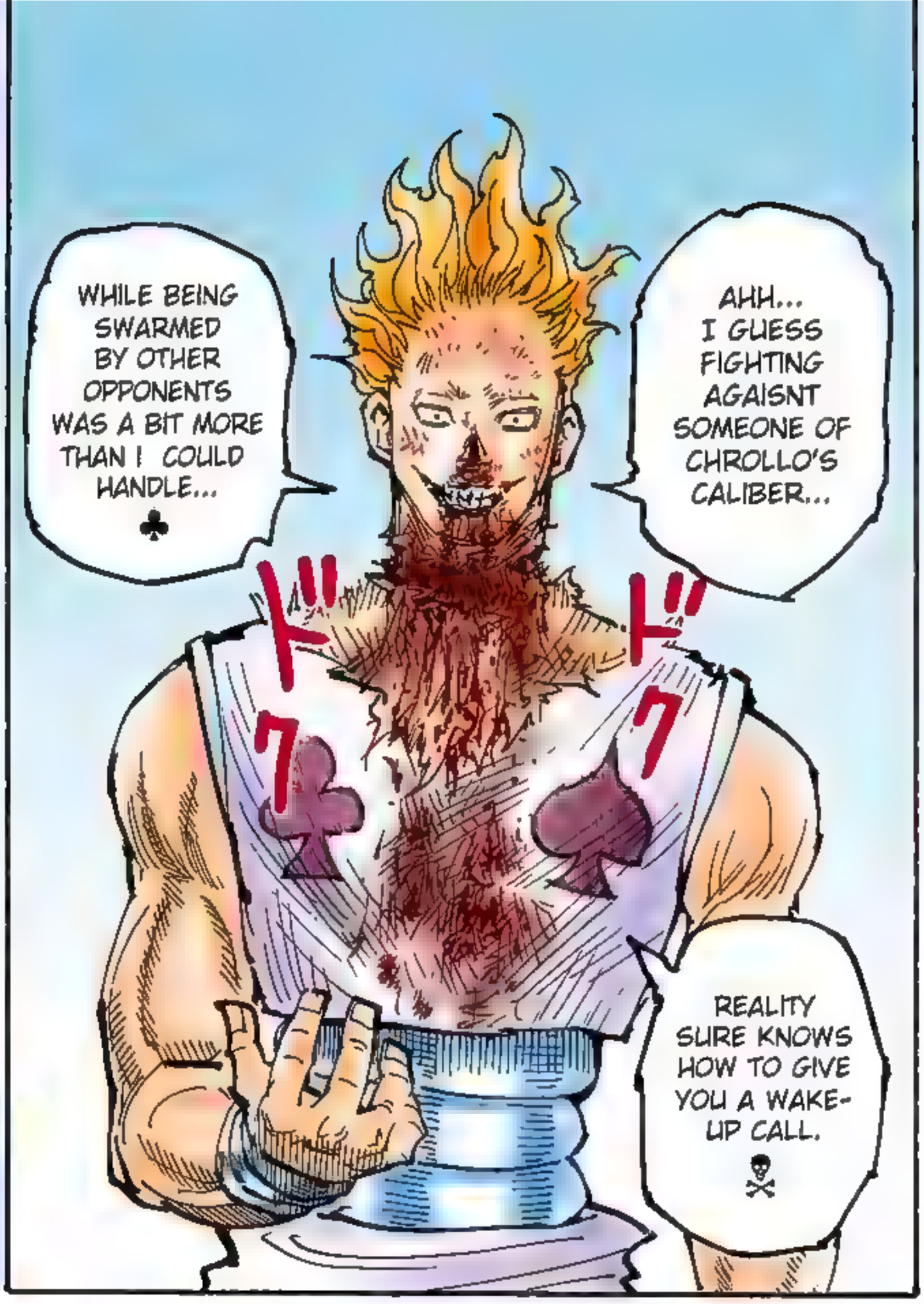
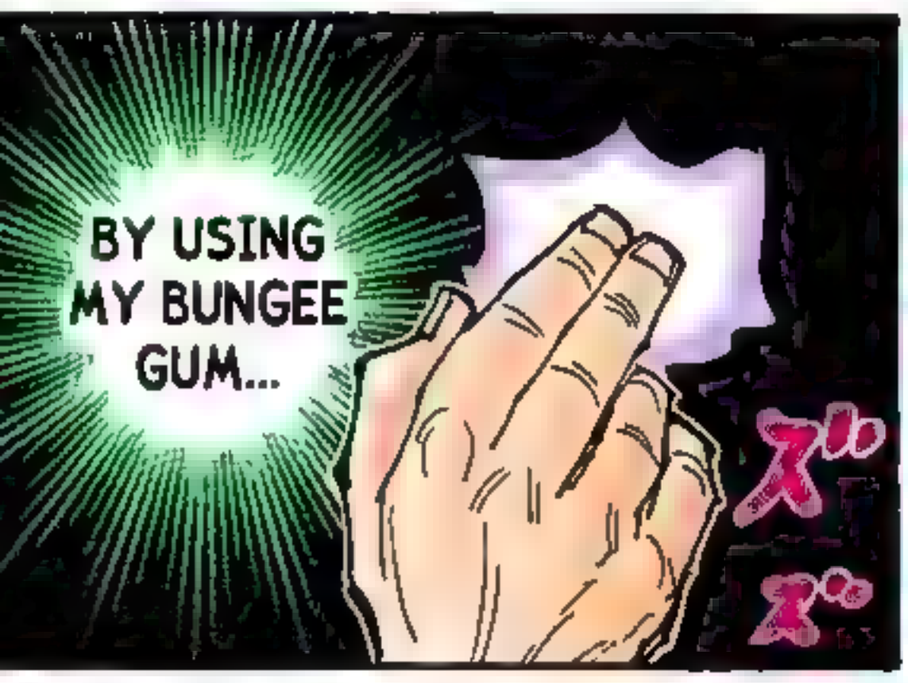
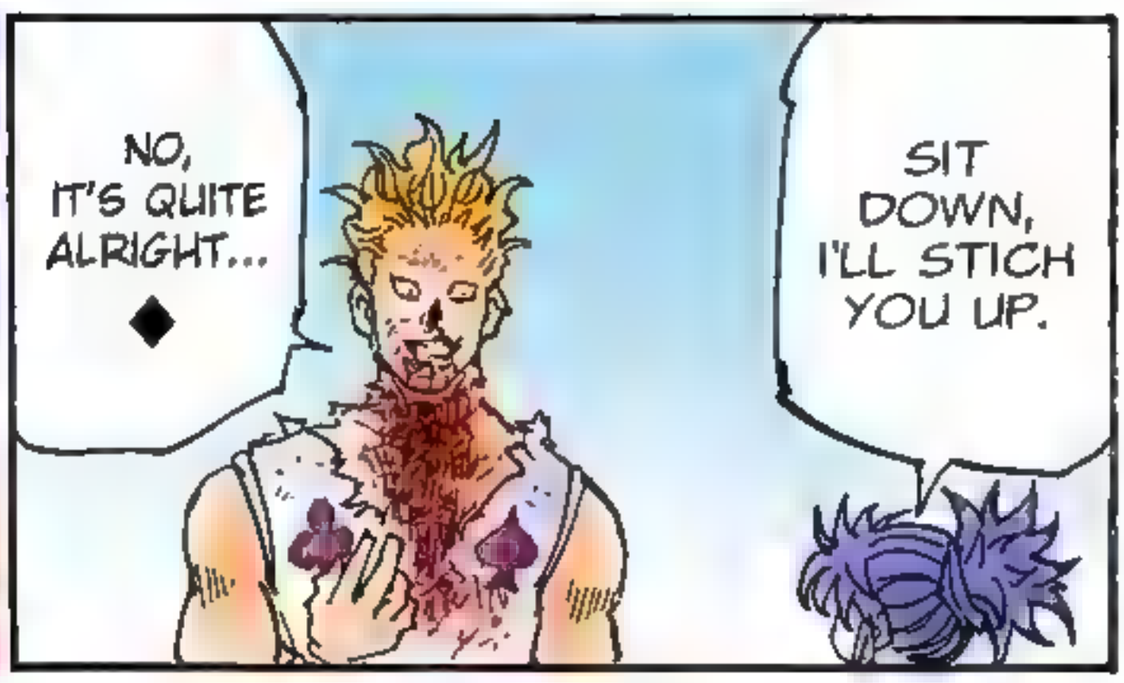
YEP... TOTALLY DEAD.
WAS I... REALLY TRULY DEAD, JUST NOW?
HEH ...
HEHE... HEHEHE... HEHE... HEHE... ♪
I SEE... ♥
HEY...
MACHI... ♥



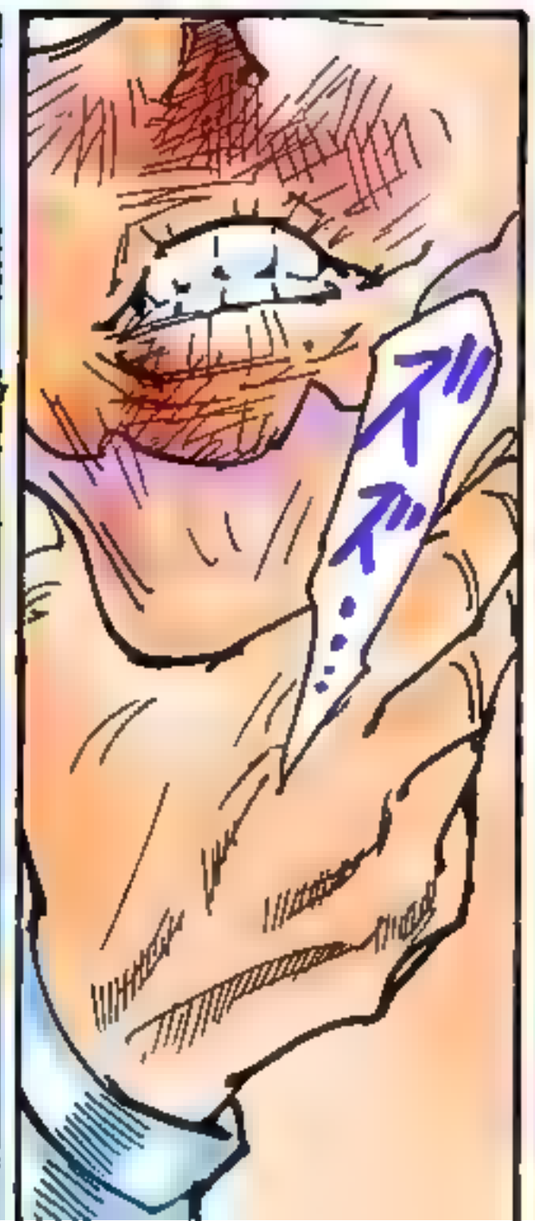

BE SURE TO CHOOSE YOUR BATTLES NEXT TIME.
WELL, IF YOU'VE LEARNED YOUR LESSON...

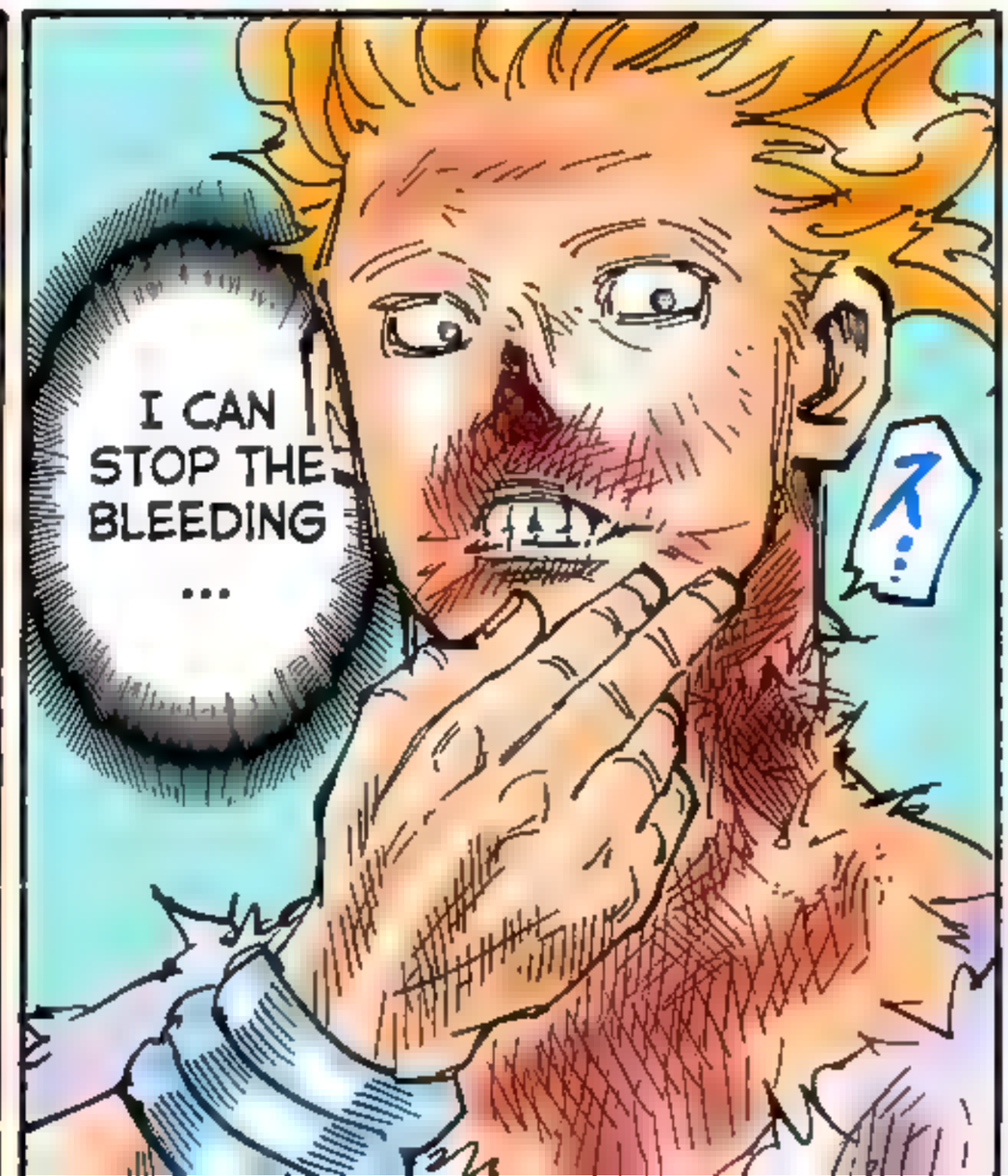

WHILE BEING SWARMED BY OTHER OPPONENTS WAS A BIT MORE THAN I COULD HANDLE...
AHH... I GUESS FIGHTING AGAISNT SOMEONE OF CHROLLO'S CALIBER...
REALITY SURE KNOWS HOW TO GIVE YOU A WAKE-UP CALL.


BY USING MY BUNGEE GUM...

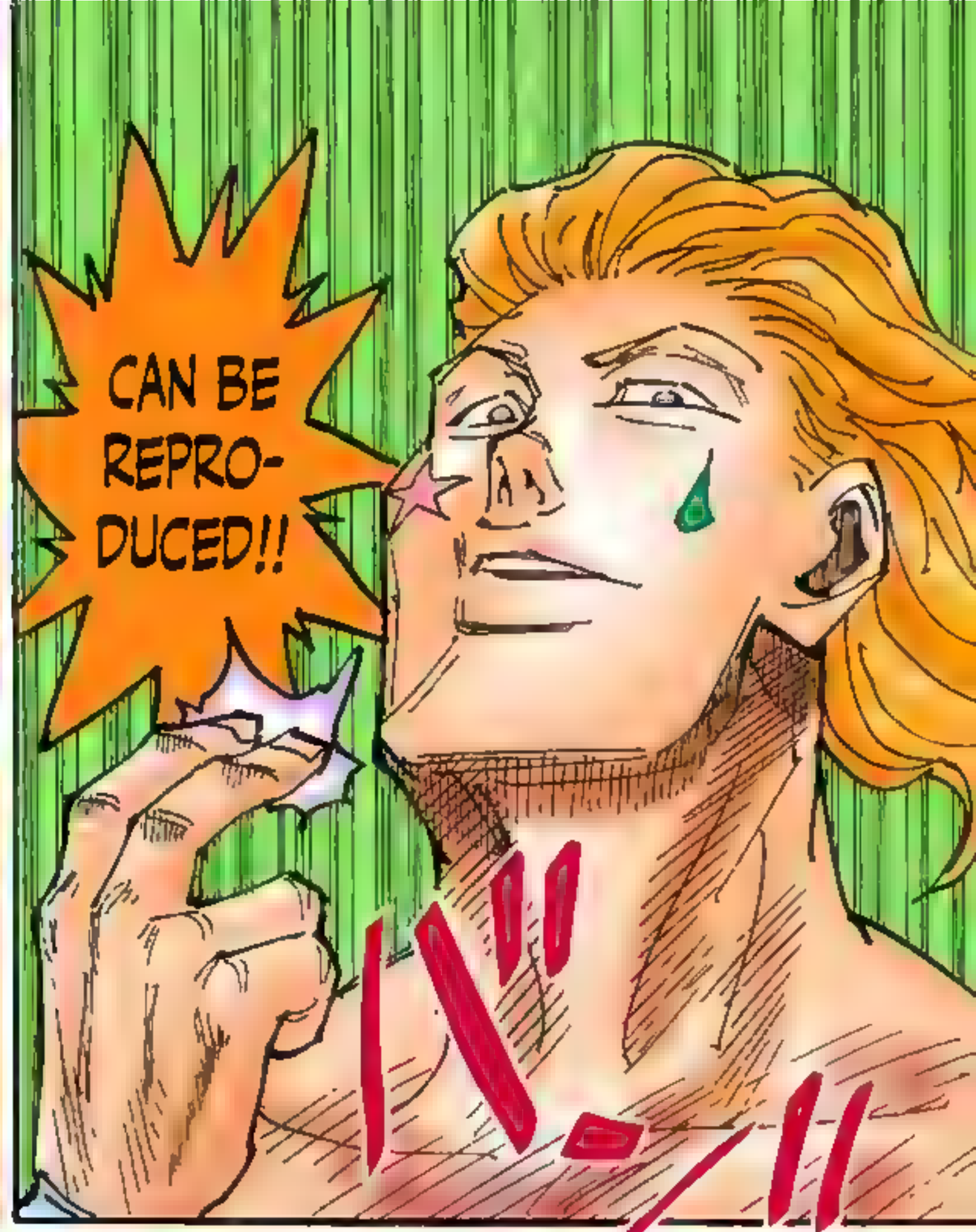

NO, IT'S QUITE ALRIGHT...
SIT DOWN, I'LL STICH YOU UP.

...THAT WERE DES-TROYED ...
AND WITH "TEXTURE SURPRISE" ...
THE PARTS ...




I CAN STOP THE BLEEDING ...

EVEN MY LEFT HAND!!


CAN BE REPRO-DUCED!!
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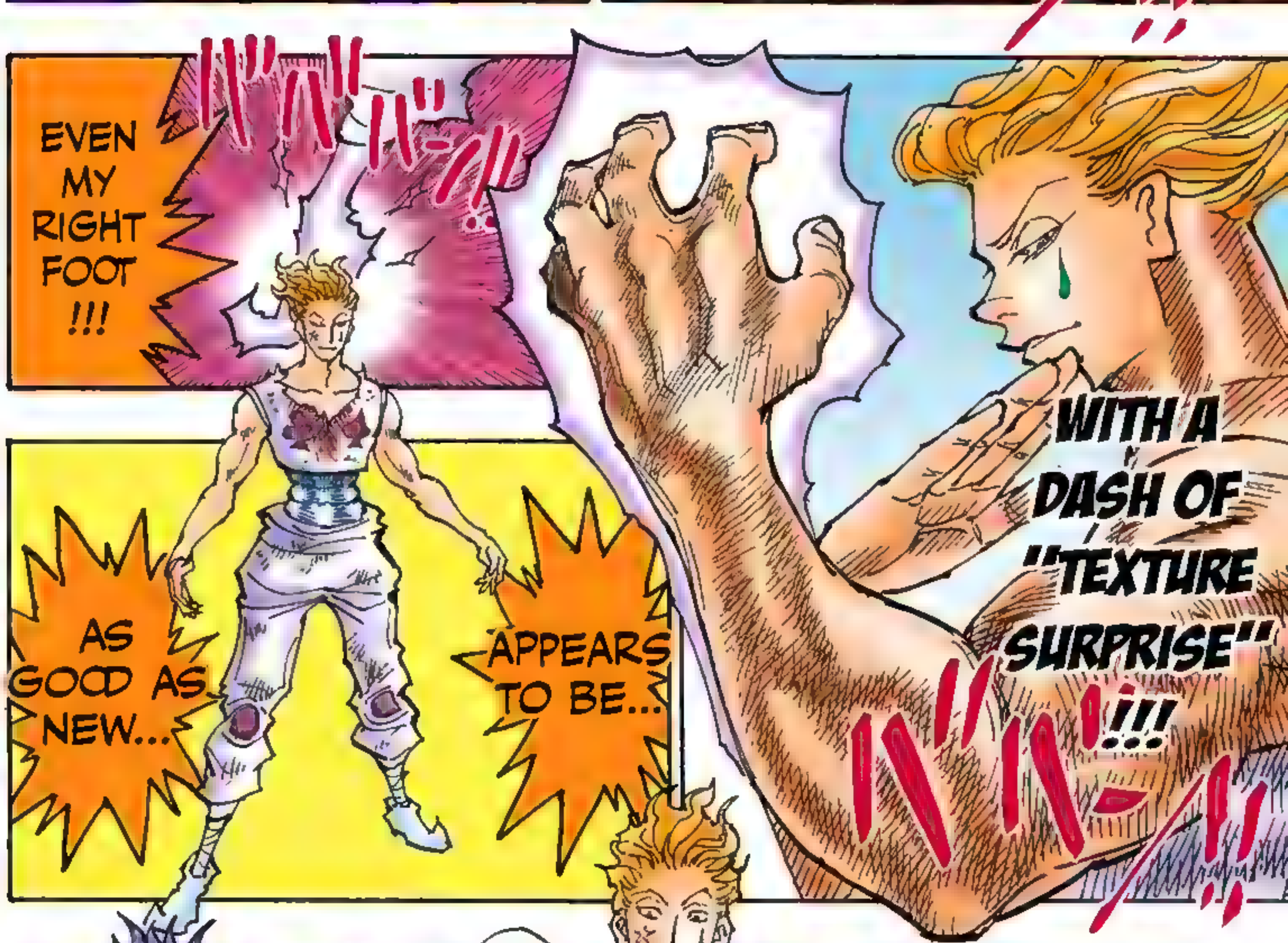
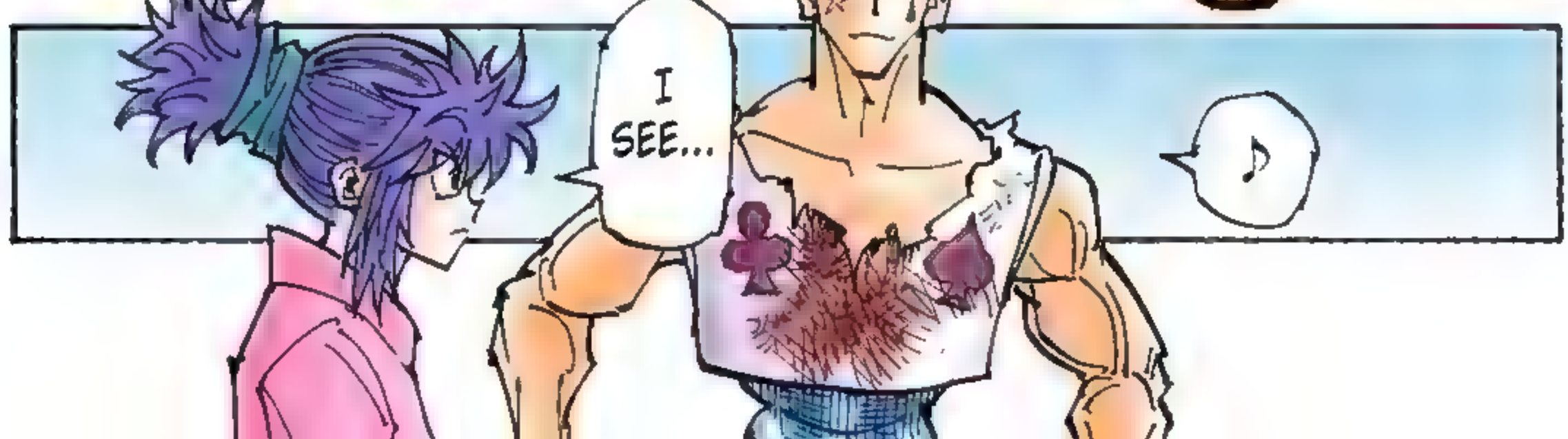
CAN BE MOLDED OUT OF RUBBER !!!


EVEN MY RIGHT FOOT !!!
!!
WITH A DASH OF "TEXTURE SURPRISE" !!!
!!
AS GOOD AS NEW...
APPEARS TO BE...


I SEE...
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YOU'VE GOT IT BACK-WARDS ... ♪
MACHI ...
THEN YOU DON'T NEED ME, DO YOU?
I'LL BE HEADING BACK.
WHO CAN'T DECIDE WHO IT IS OR WHERE THEY'LL HAVE TO FIGHT. ♣
THIS TIME, I'VE DECIDED TO MAKE SURE IT'S MY OP-PONENTS...
WHATEVER MAKES YOU HAPPY.
SURE.
I'M TALKING ABOUT THE SPIDERS. ♪

THAT AS OF NOW, NO MATTER WHERE THEY GO OR WHOEVER THEY'RE WITH... I WON'T STOP UNTIL I'VE KILLED THEM ALL. ♥

WOULD YOU PASS THIS ALONG TO ALL THE SPIDERS FOR ME...?

I'LL KILL YOU MYSELF RIGHT HERE AND NOW!!!

D...DON'T YOU DARE FUCK AROUND WITH ME!!!

LET ME OUT OF THIS!! I'M GONNA FUCKING MURDER YOU!!

WAIT!! GET BACK HERE, YOU BASTARD!!

SO THAT'S A YES. ♪

IF YOU WANNA STOP ME, HOW ABOUT YOU FREE YOURSELF AND TRY. ♥

EXCUSE ME? WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

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RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE ACCEPTING PASSENGERS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

IT'S THE KAKIN ROYAL FAMILY.

YES.

WHICH THEY SHOULD BE KEEPING ON THE SHIP.

THE KING AND THE PRINCES ARE GOING TO THE NEW CONTINET.

THEY MUST HAVE SOME SUBSTANTIAL TREASURE.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THE TROUPE'S GOTTEN TOGETHER.

OKAY.

I SEE... THEN I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU ON THE SHIP.

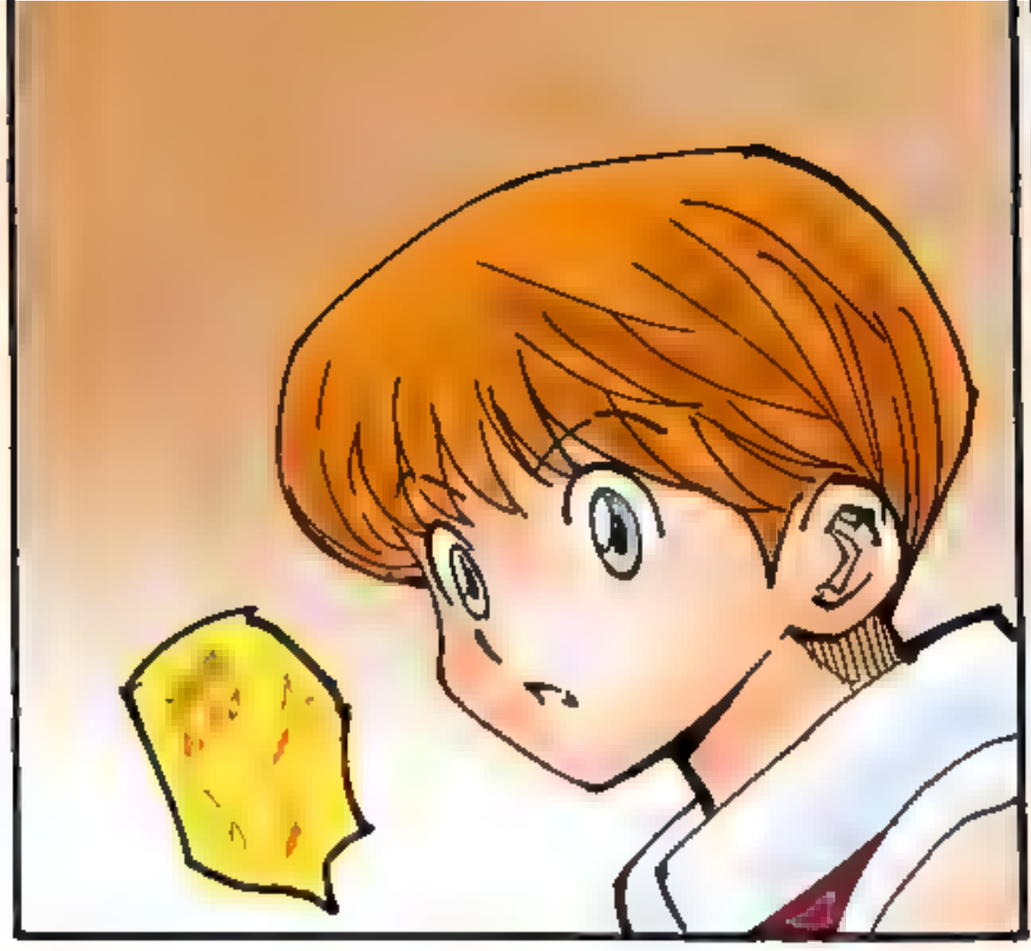
I SUPPOSE SO.

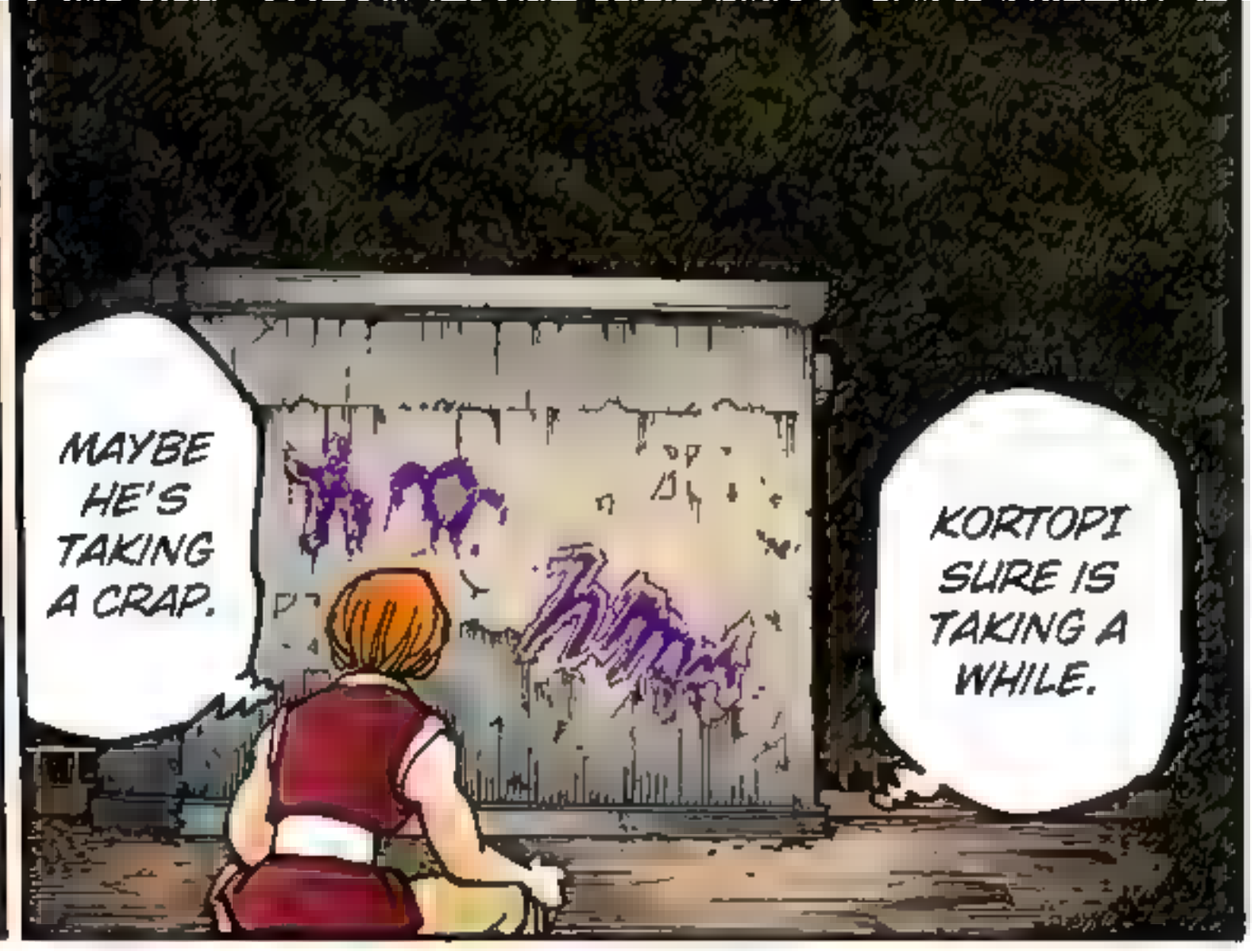
WE'LL ALSO GET TO TRAVEL, SO IT'LL BE KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.

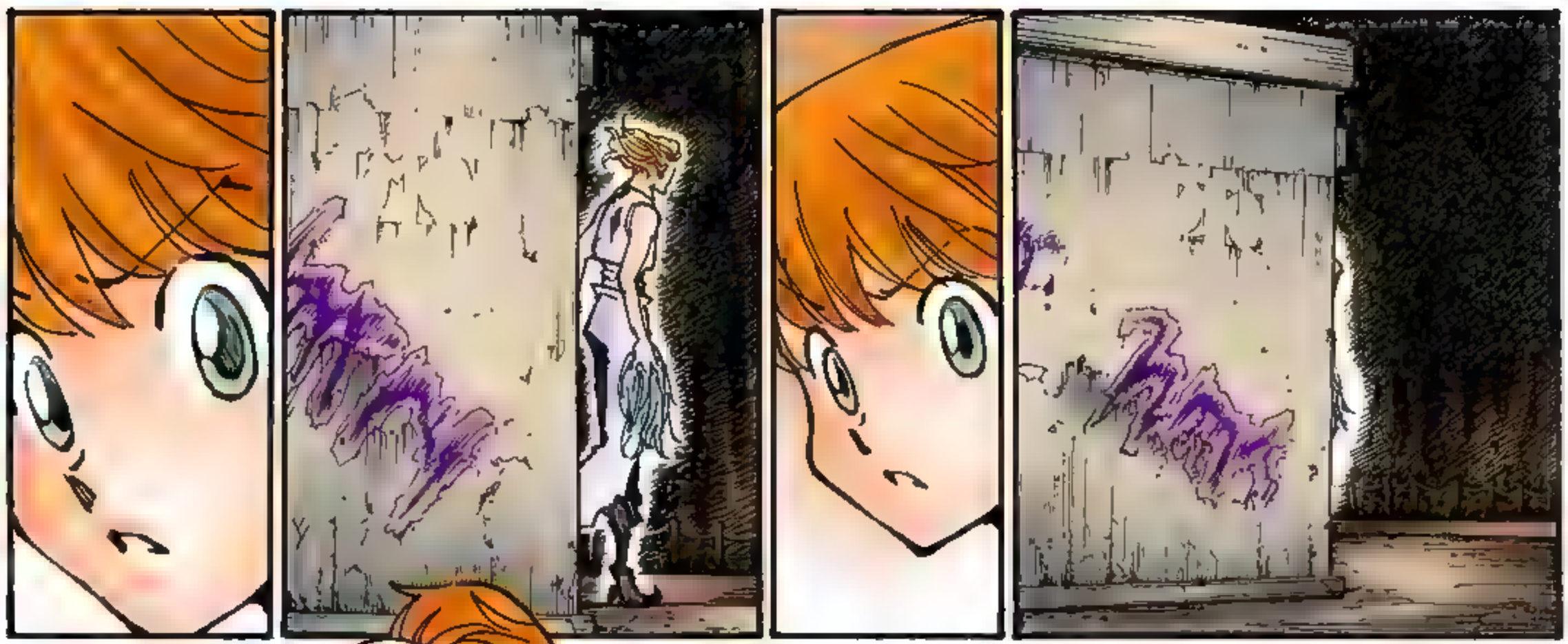
IT'S OKAY, I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY PLANS TO USE IT RIGHT NOW.

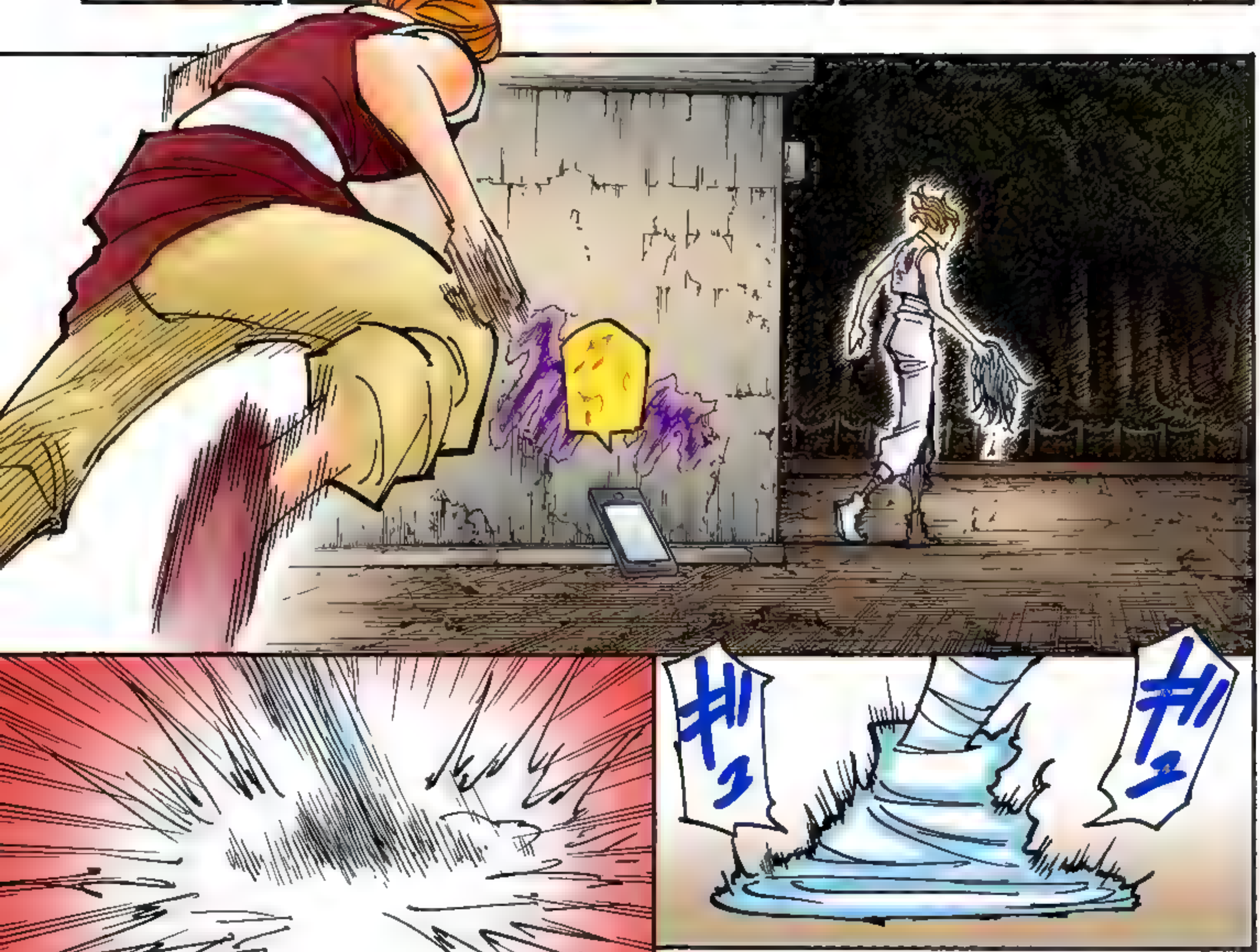
I DON'T HAVE THE ANTENNAS ANYMORE, BUT DO YOU NEED YOUR CELLPHONE BACK?

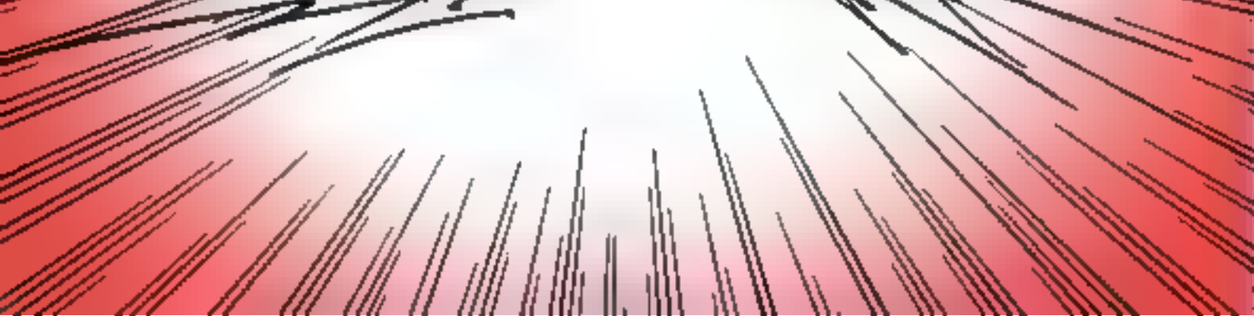
...AND WE'LL STEAL IT.

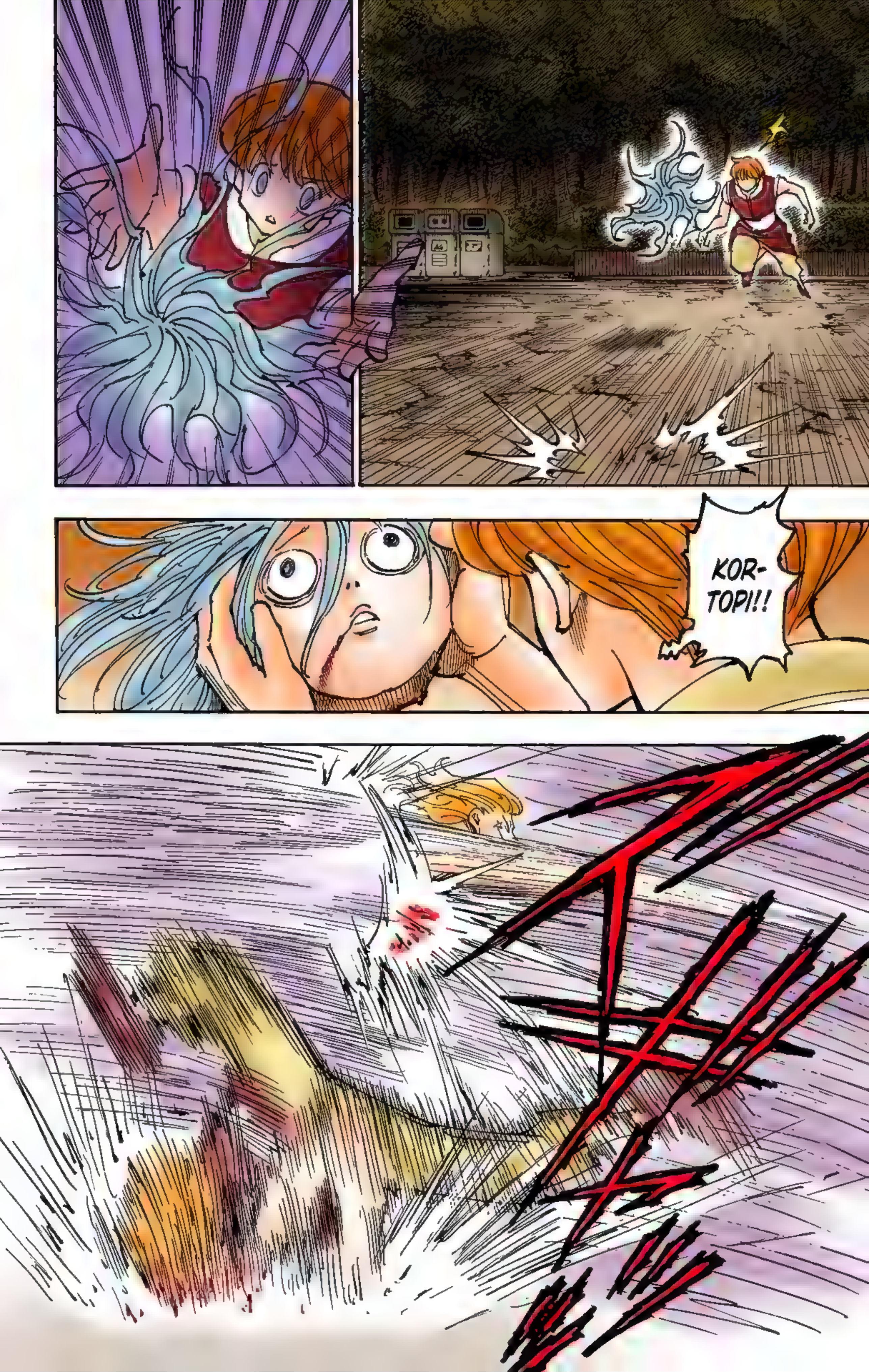



MAYBE HE'S TAKING A CRAP.
KORTOPI SURE IS TAKING A WHILE.





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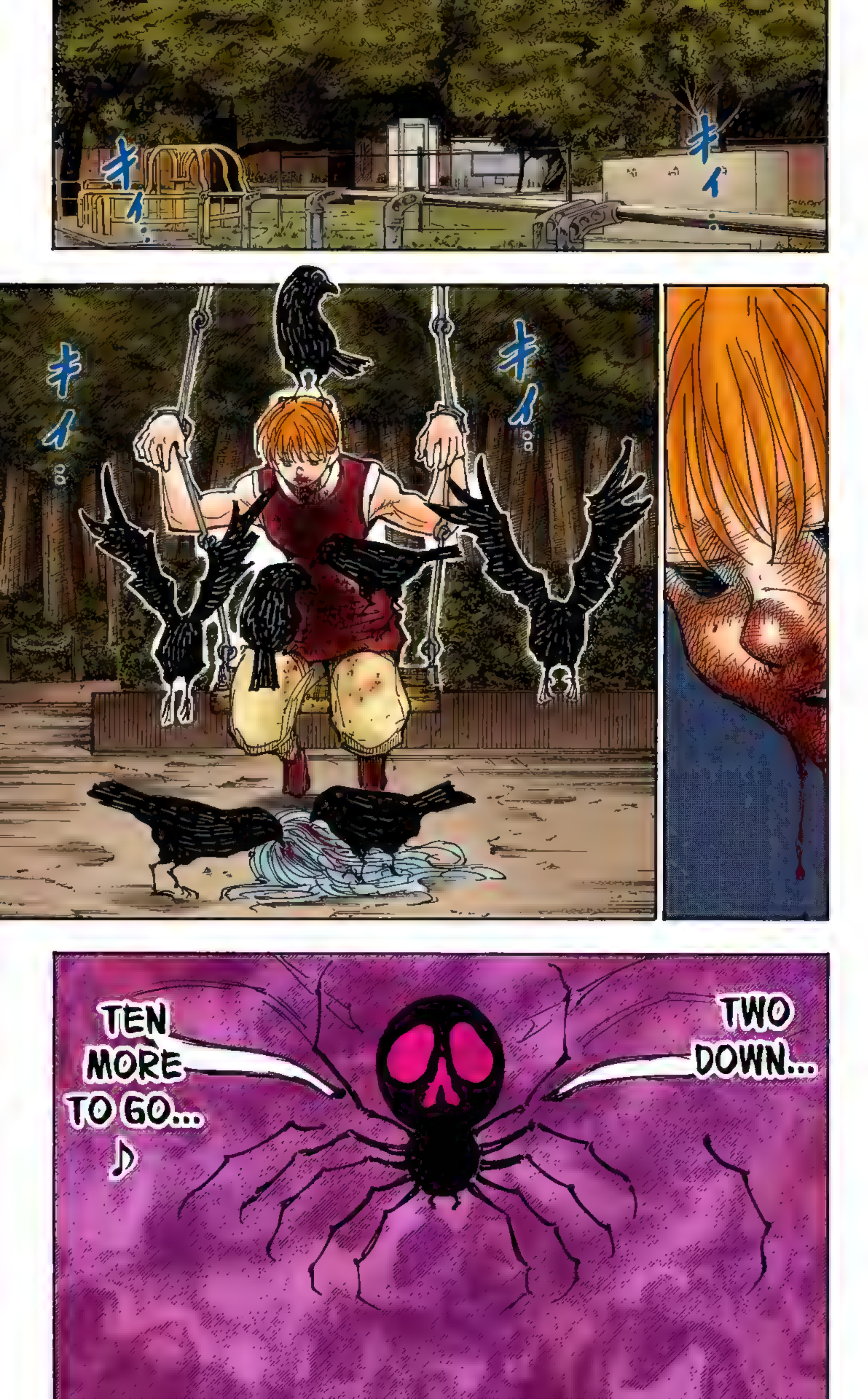
TEN MORE TO GO... ♪
TWO DOWN...

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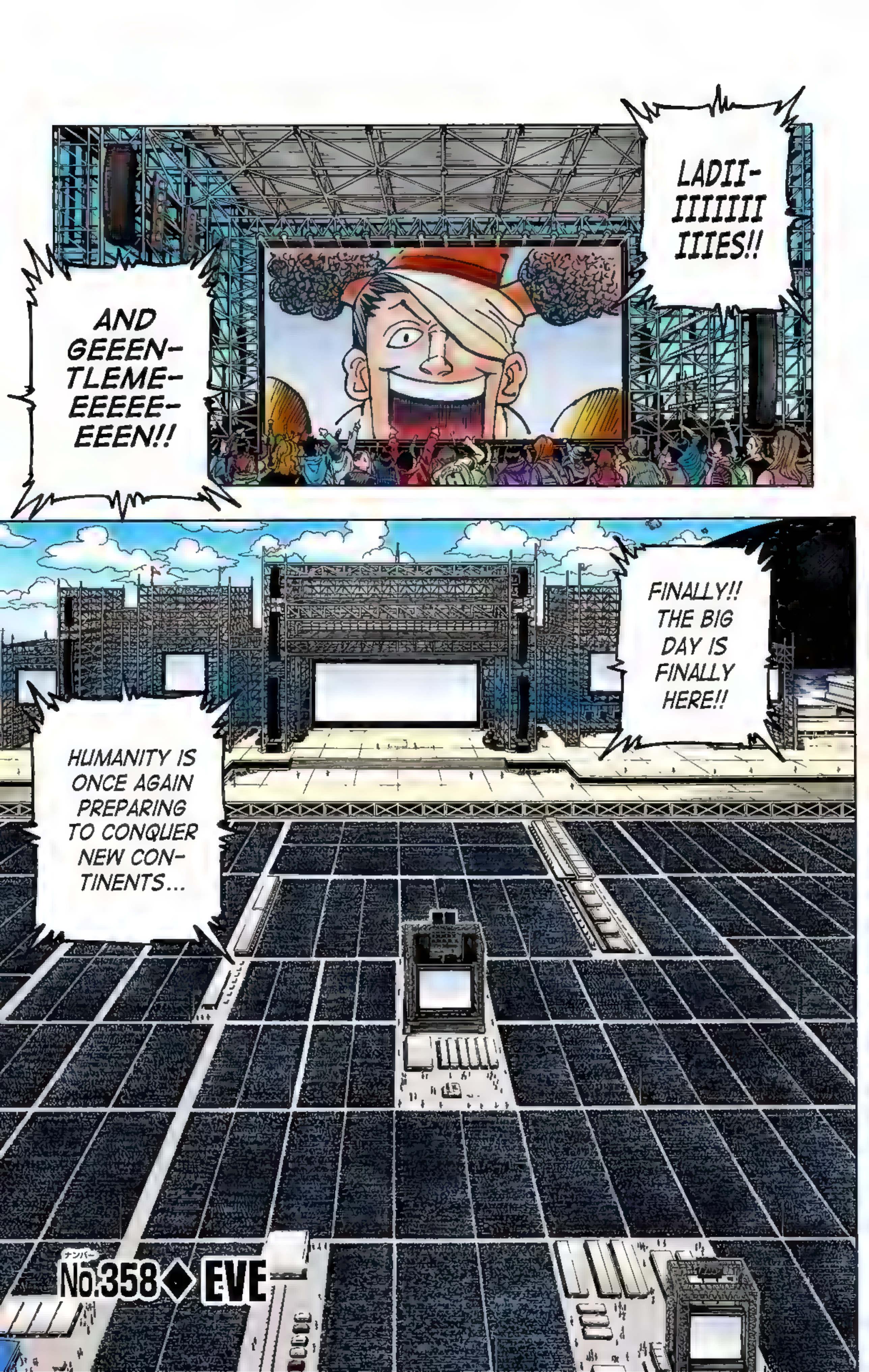
AND GEEEN-TLEME-EEEEE-EEEN!!
LADII-IIIIIII IIIES!!
FINALLY!! THE BIG DAY IS FINALLY HERE!!
HUMANITY IS ONCE AGAIN PREPARING TO CONQUER NEW CON-TINENTS...
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LET THE FESTIVITIES OF THE DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE BEGIN!!
BY STARTING THIS EXPEDITION TO THE DARK CONTINENT!!

FROM NOW ON EVERYTHING YOU WILL EXPERIENCE WILL BE ETCHED IN THE ANNALS OF HISTORY!! EXACTLY, YOU WILL EVEN BE THE ACTORS OF THIS HISTORY!!
IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO BE ONE OF THE WITNESSES OF THIS GREAT CHAPTER OF HISTORY WHICH IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!!
!!
THIS ILLUSTRIOUS PERSON WHO DESIGNED THIS MODERN DAY ARK... WHO IS NONE OTHER THAN HIS MAJESTY, OUR KING...!!
WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU...

HUIII-GUOO-OOO-OOO-OOO-RUUUUU-UUUUU-UUUU!!

NATS-UUUU-UUUU-UUUU-UUBII!!

I AM THE GREAT KING OF KAKIN...

I ONLY HAVE ONE THING TO SAY...HUII.

LONG LIVE THE KING!!

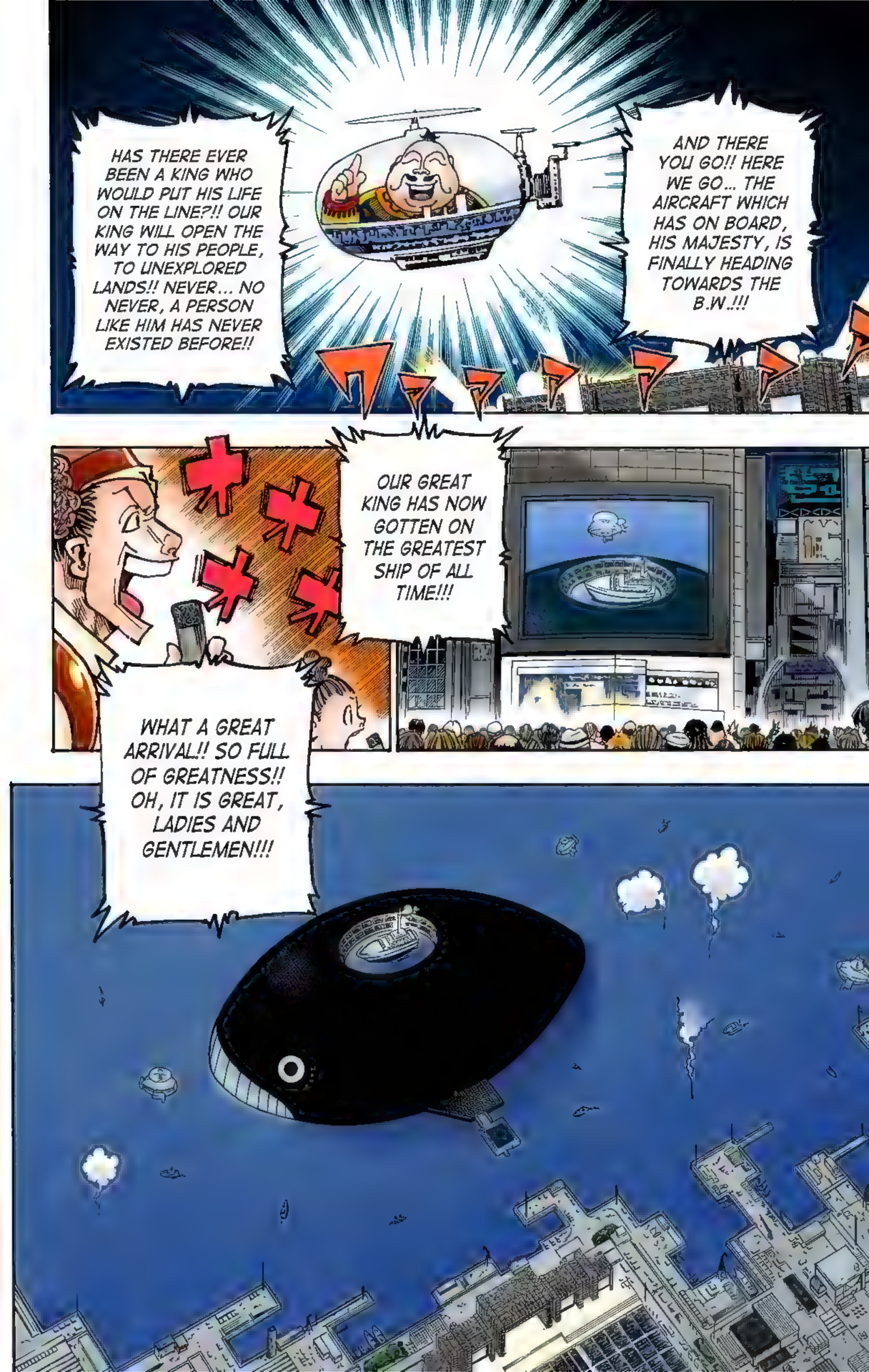
LONG LIVE THE KING!!

LONG LIVE THE KING!!

...AND, TOGETHER, WE ARE GOING TO CONQUER THE NEW CONTINENT!!

AS WELL AS ALL THE PRINCES LINKED TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING, BY BLOOD!! EVERYONE IS IMPATIENTLY WAITING TO LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THIS HISTORIC BUILDING THAT IS THIS EXPEDITION!!

IN THE BACKGROUND, WE HAVE, THE VICE COMM-ANDER, MASTER BEYOND...


HAS THERE EVER BEEN A KING WHO WOULD PUT HIS LIFE ON THE LINE?!! OUR KING WILL OPEN THE WAY TO HIS PEOPLE, TO UNEXPLORED LANDS!! NEVER... NO NEVER, A PERSON LIKE HIM HAS NEVER EXISTED BEFORE!!
AND THERE YOU GO!! HERE WE GO... THE AIRCRAFT WHICH HAS ON BOARD, HIS MAJESTY, IS FINALLY HEADING TOWARDS THE B.W.!!!
OUR GREAT KING HAS NOW GOTTEN ON THE GREATEST SHIP OF ALL TIME!!!
WHAT A GREAT ARRIVAL!! SO FULL OF GREATNESS!! OH, IT IS GREAT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!!!

AND IT IS ON BOARD A FERRY THAT THE CIVILIANS ARE HEADING TOWARDS THE B.W.!! SO ISN'T IT ALL WONDERFUL!!?

AND NOW IT'S THE TURN OF THE AIRCRAFT WHERE THE PRINCES AND VIPS EMBARKED TO TAKE OFF!!

SUCH AN OCCASION CAN BE CELEBRATED AND WE TOO WILL CELEBRATE !!!

THE B.W. IS MADE UP OF 5 LEVELS, THE 1ST LEVEL IS THE LEVEL ASSIGNED TO THE ROYAL FAMILY AND THE POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE V5. THE 2ND LEVEL IS RESERVED FOR CELEBRITIES AND VARIOUS INFLUENTIAL PERSONALITIES, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF HIGH SOCIETY. LEVEL 3 AND THOSE THAT FOLLOW ARE RESERVED FOR CIVILIANS AND OTHER PASSENGERS.

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PASSAGES BETWEEN LEVELS ARE GUARDED BY THE ROYAL ARMY AND ARE SUBJECT TO MARTIAL LAW.

IN ADDITION, LEVELS 2 AND 3 ARE SEPARATED BY THICK ENCLOSURES, WHICH, IN AN EMERGENCY, CAN ONLY BE OPENED AND CLOSED FROM LEVEL 2.

THAT THE *"HUNTING"* GROUND IS ONLY LIMITED TO LEVELS 1 & 2.

WHICH MEANS ...

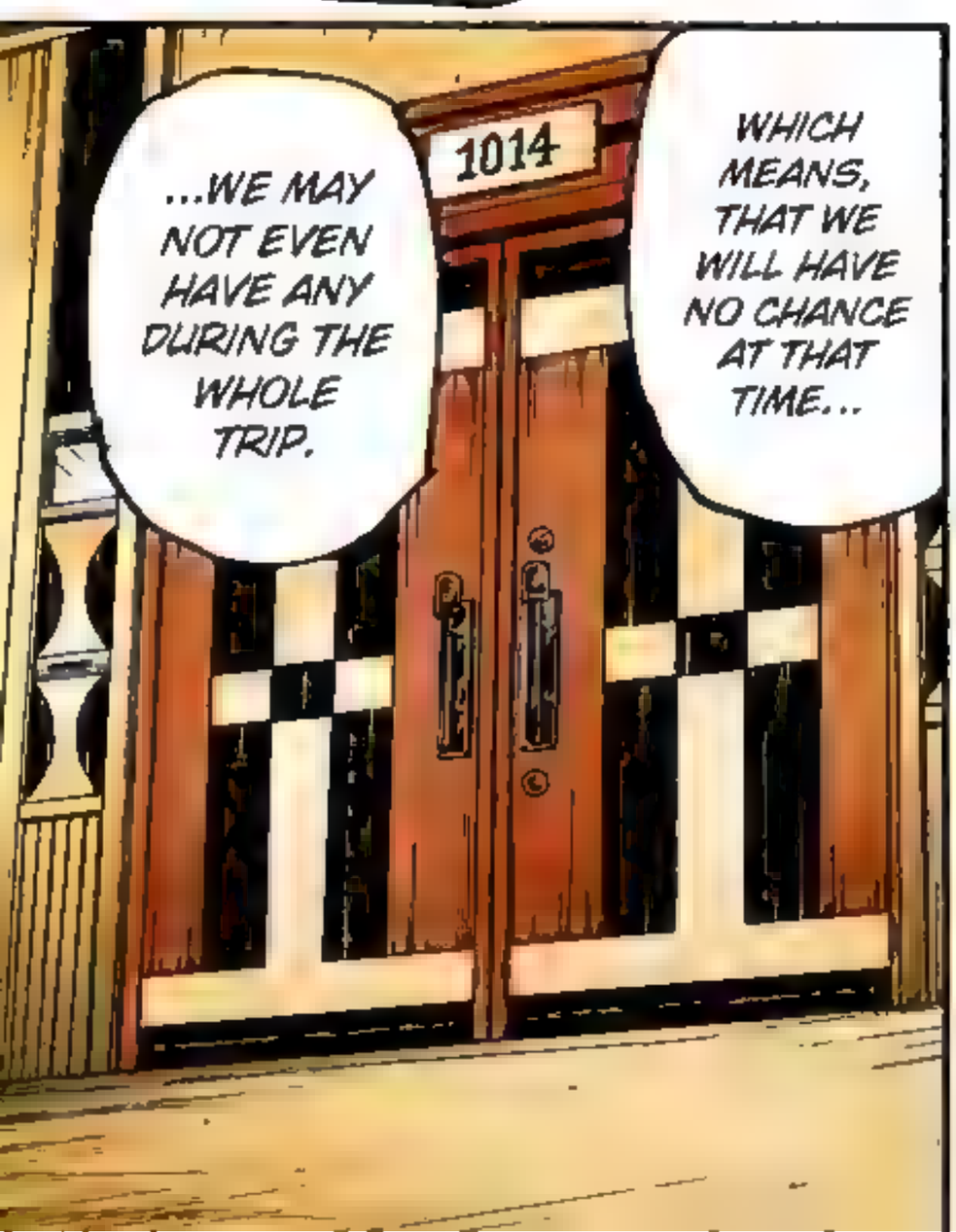
THE REAL PARTY DOESN'T START UNTIL 2 MONTHS AFTER THE ARRIVAL CEREMONY AT THE DESTINATION.

BEFORE THAT, WE WILL PLAY THE ROLE OF GUARDS AND NOT SOLDIERS.

TRY TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT ON BOARD.

THE RESIDENTIAL SUITES OF THE PRINCES ARE STRICTLY SEPARATED FROM EACH OTHER. AND THIS, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE THEIR DAILY LIFE WHILE LIMITING ANY CONTACT WITH THE GUARDS TO THE STRICT MINIMUM.

WE MUST CONSTANTLY STAY ALERT, READY TO ACT WHEN NECESSARY. SO, WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR PRINCE BENJAMIN TO ORDER US TO LAUNCH OUR ASSAULT PLAN AND IT MAY BE EXHAUSTING.



THE TIME OF ENTRY AND EXIT OF EACH OF THEM HAS BEEN PREDETERMINED SO THAT THEY CANNOT PASS EACH OTHER DURING THEIR PASSAGE.

THE PRINCES WILL ALL MEET FOR DINNER EVERY SUNDAY.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO CONTACT, VIA A MOBILE, THE OTHER PRINCES AND QUEENS PRESENT IN THE SHIP?

YES.

WE WILL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TRY TO FIND A WAY TO ESCAPE THIS WAR OF SUCCESSION.

BEING A HIGH RANKING BODYGUARD CAN COME IN HANDY.

IN ADDITION, THE PHONES ARE MONITORED BY THE ARMY.

WIVES OF LOWER RANK CANNOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO CONTACT THOSE ABOVE THEM.

I DO NOT REALLY UNDERSTAND THE INTENTIONS OF THE KING OF KAKIN...

EVERYTHING HAS BEEN DESIGNED SO AS TO MAKE ANY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT IMPOSSIBLE

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KING'S QUARTERS

THE RECEPTION HALL

PRINCE'S QUARTERS

ROYAL ARMY UNITS, AS A NEUTRAL PARTY IN THIS WAR OF SUCCESSION, ARE REQUIRED TO WATCH ALL PASSAGES AND POINTS OF COMMUNICATION.

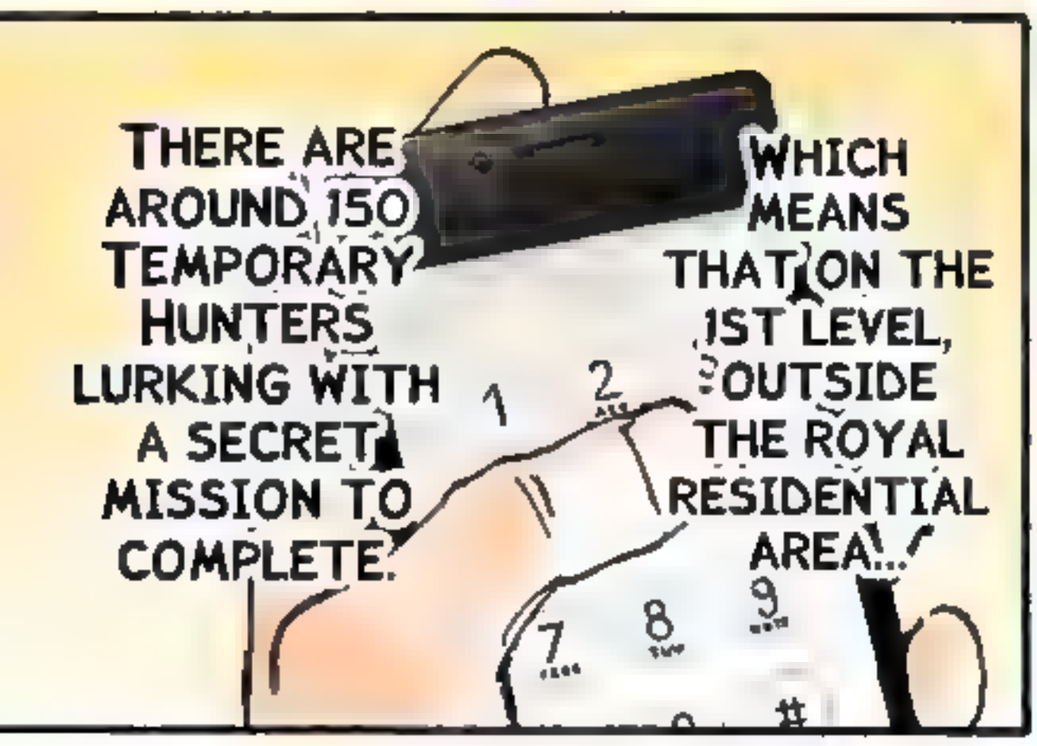
IN OTHER WORDS, THEY WILL BE AWARE OF ALL OF OUR ACTIONS...

AND THESE POSSIBILITIES BECOME ENDLESS, IF IN ADDITION, WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PROBABILITY THAT THERE ARE USERS OF NEN.

OF COURSE, EVEN WITH THIS KIND OF ARRANGEMENT, THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES...

EVEN WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF NEN USERS, OUR COMBAT STRENGTH IS LIMITED... EVEN SECURITY HUNTERS OUTSIDE OF RESIDENTIAL SUITES, WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE OUR ALLIES MAKING THIS AN ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL THREAT.

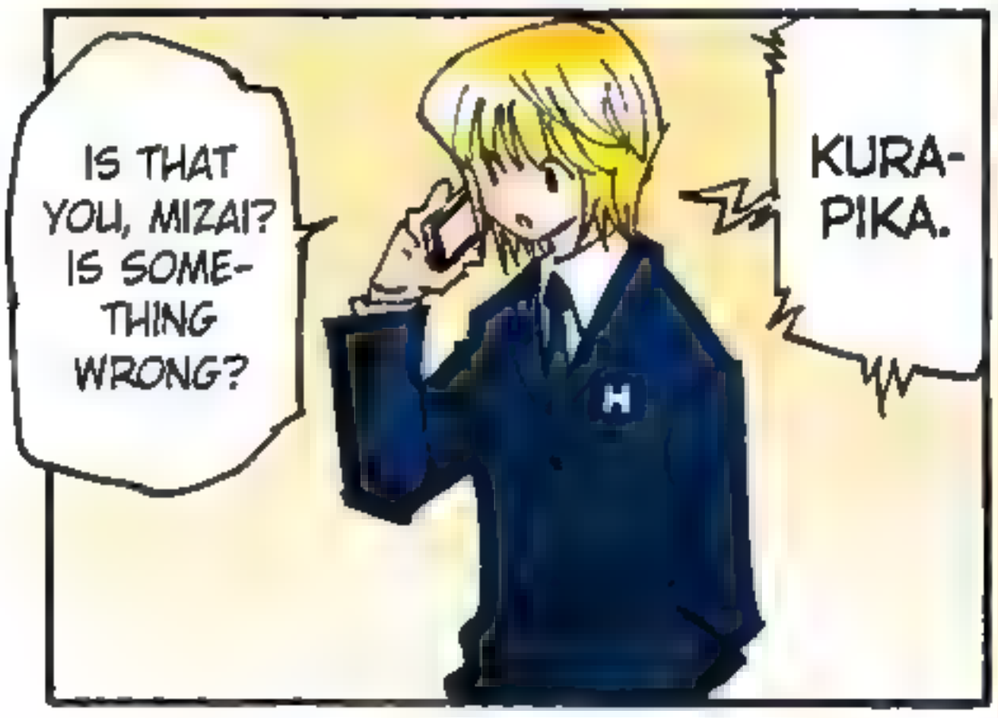
IN THE FIRST PLACE, I MUST BE ABLE TO STUDY THE POWER OF THE ENEMY IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE BALANCE OF FORCES, AND OUR POSITION... I DO NOT HAVE, FOR THE TIME BEING ANY TANGIBLE INFORMATION, EXCEPT ON THE SECURITY PERSONNEL. EACH OF THE PRINCES DISPOSES.

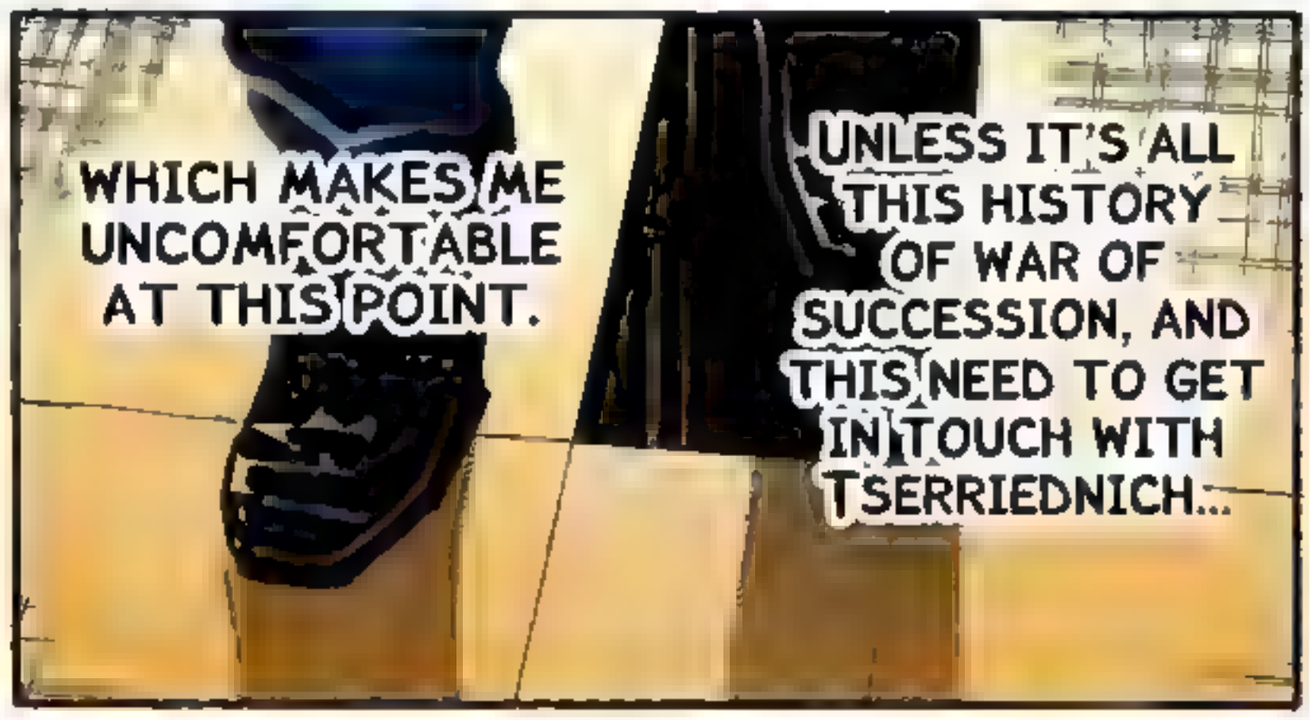


THE EXAMINEES HIRED BY KAKIN MUST HAVE BEEN KEPT IGNORANT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES... THAT'S HOW MOST KAKIN GUARDS ELUDED MY CHAIN...! THEIR EXAMS WERE MORE LENIENT THAN THE TEAM FOR THE DARK CONTINENT, SINCE THEY WOLLLD BE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WITH LIMITED LICENSES NLY FOR THE VOYAGE. IT'S COMING BACK TO HAUNT US...

CONTRARY TO A SELECTION ON STRICT CRITERIA, I HAVE THE UNPLEASANT IMPRESSION THAT THIS KIND OF BREACH IS A RISK FACTOR WHICH CONSIDERABLY INCREASES THE CHANCES OF SEEING THE SITUATION WORSEN...!

IN ADDITION, RATHER THAN MODIFYING THE CODE OF HUNTERS IN ITS ENTIRETY, ARTICLE 2 WAS ONLY THE SUBJECT OF THE ADDITION OF AN ADDITIONAL CLAUSE, RELATING TO PROVISIONAL RECRUITMENT.





THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SITUATION BY THE ROYAL ARMY OF KAKIN, LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED... IF IT CONTINUES LIKE THIS, THE SITUATION WILL COMPLETELY DEGENERATE.

...AND ALWAYS ACCORDING TO RUMORS, IF SOMEONE DENOUNCES A CRIME OR MISDEMEANOR... THE INFORMER CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF THE OFFENDER, IN PRIORITY.

BETWEEN THEFTS, COUNTERFEIT TICKETS, RACIAL CONFLICTS, CLASHES BETWEEN DRUNKS TO MANAGE, NOT TO MENTION IDENTITY THEFT, ASSAULTS ETC... AS WELL AS THE FALSE DECLARATIONS ON WHICH IT IS NECESSARY TO INVESTIGATE... IN SHORT YOU WILL HAVE UNDERSTOOD IT, IT IS CHAOS.

MY ATTENTION IS ENTIRELY FOCUSED ON LEVELS 3 & 4. THE NUMBER OF INFRACTIONS HAS INCREASED MUCH FASTER THAN I IMAGINED AND THE SITUATION IS ALREADY OUT OF CONTROL.

IN ADDITION, PASSENGERS ARE CONVINCED THAT IF ONE OF THEM COMMITS A FELONY OR AN OFFENSE, HIS TICKET WILL BE CONSIDERED NULL AND VOID, WHICH WOULD ALLOW PEOPLE ON THE WAITING LIST TO TAKE HIS PLACE.

THEREFORE, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING BEFORE DEPARTURE.

BOTOBA! AND I ARE TASKED WITH HELPING THE ARMY AS WELL AS THE PRIVATE SECURITY MILITIAS TO TRY TO CONTAIN THE SITUATION.

ON BOARD, ONLY 1/5TH OF MEDICAL FACILITIES AND 1/15TH OF DOCTORS AVAILABLE ON ALL OF WHAT WAS INITIALLY PLANNED.

THE 3RD LEVEL HAS 3 MEDICAL FACILITIES WHILE LEVELS 4 AND 5 HAVE ONLY 2 ROOMS AND DO NOT HAVE A DOCTOR.

THE WHOLE ORGANIZATION, AND PROTOCOL IS A BIG JOKE! AND THE WORST IS WHAT CONCERNS THE MEDICAL TEAMS.

KAKIN'S DEGREE OF CARELESS-NESS AND SUPERFI-CIALITY WAS UNDERES-TIMATED.

WILL DO!

STAY ON YOUR GUARD!

IT WILL PROBABLY BE MY LAST PHONE CALL BEFORE DEPARTURE.

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THEREFORE, CHEADLE IS TRYING TO RECRUIT STAFF TO REORGANIZE THE MEDICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

...AND THE SICKEST THING ABOUT ALL OF THIS IS THAT IT SEEMS THAT FOR THE LEVELS ABOVE, THEY HAVE ONE DOCTOR FOR EVERY 20 PEOPLE.

MAY-BE.

GIVEN THE TURN OF EVENTS, THE MEETING MAY BE CANCELED.

QUEEN OITO.

I COULD PERHAPS USE, PRECISELY, THIS CHAOTIC SITUATION WHICH REIGNS BELOW.

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IF ALL GOES WELL, ONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE VIGILANCE OF THE ARMY AND THE PRINCES, AND BLEND IN WITH THE PASSENGERS ON THE LOWER LEVELS.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO OPEN THE ENCLOSURES BETWEEN LEVELS 2 AND 3, IN THE EVENT OF, FOR EXAMPLE, ACCIDENT, FIRE, OR RIOTS...

...IN AN EMERGENCY, DO YOU THINK THE SITUATION IS GOING TO BE WORSE THAN WE FEAR?

IN CASE THE SITUATION ESCALATES, I HAVE PLANNED AN EMERGENCY RESCUE ROUTE, WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU.

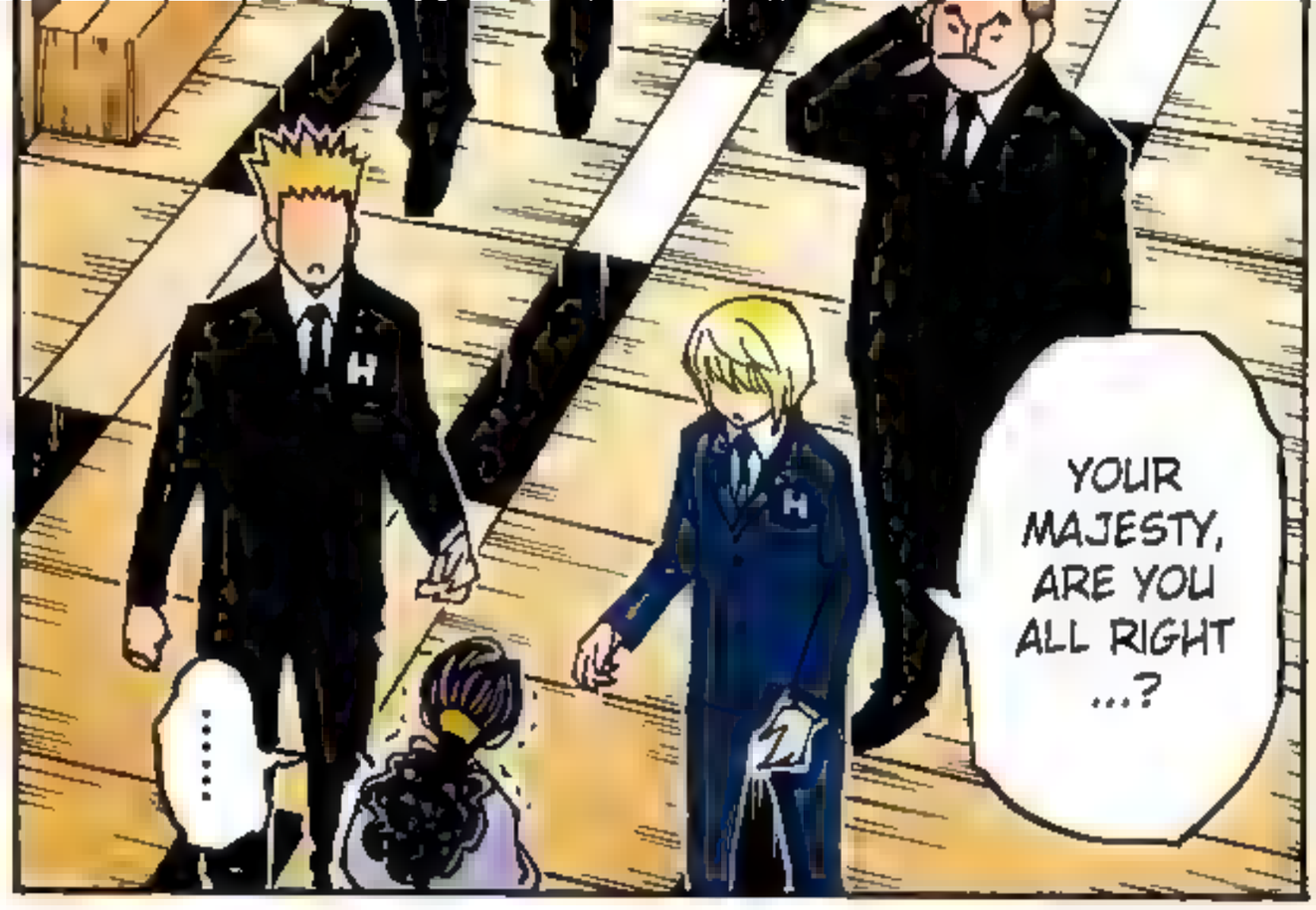
THEREFORE, TRY AND I PLEASE BEG YOU TO KEEP IN MIND THE LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT, LIFEBOATS AND FLOTATION DEVICES.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT CAN HAPPEN, YOU HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR EVERYTHING, JUST IN CASE.

...ARE WE GOING TO GET THERE?

IN LIFE THREATENING SITUATIONS, KNOWLEDGE HAS A HUGE IMPACT ON HOW WE ASSESS AND APPROACH A SITUATION.

KNOWING ALL THIS WILL SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF SURVIVAL.


YOUR MAJESTY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ...?
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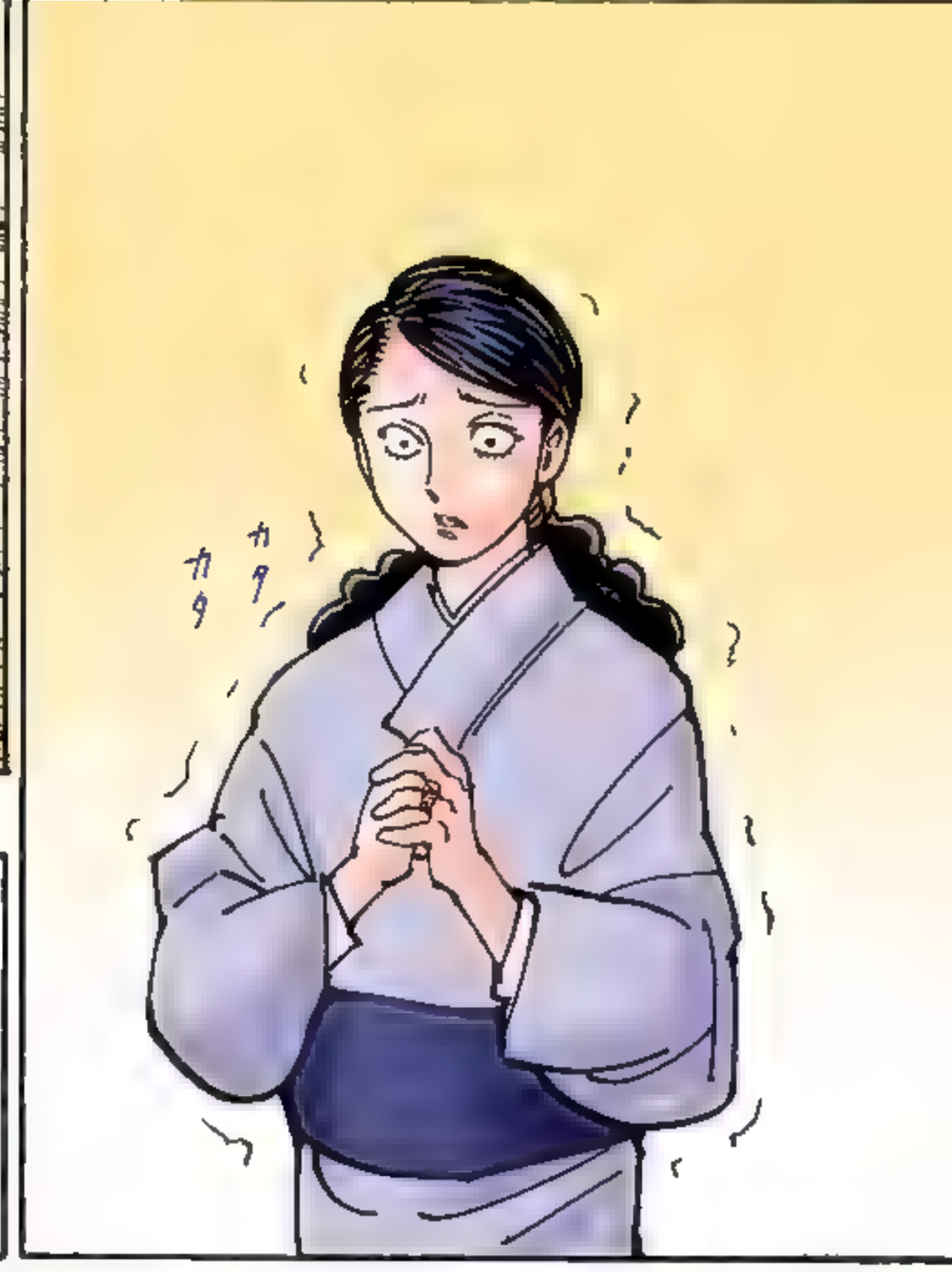
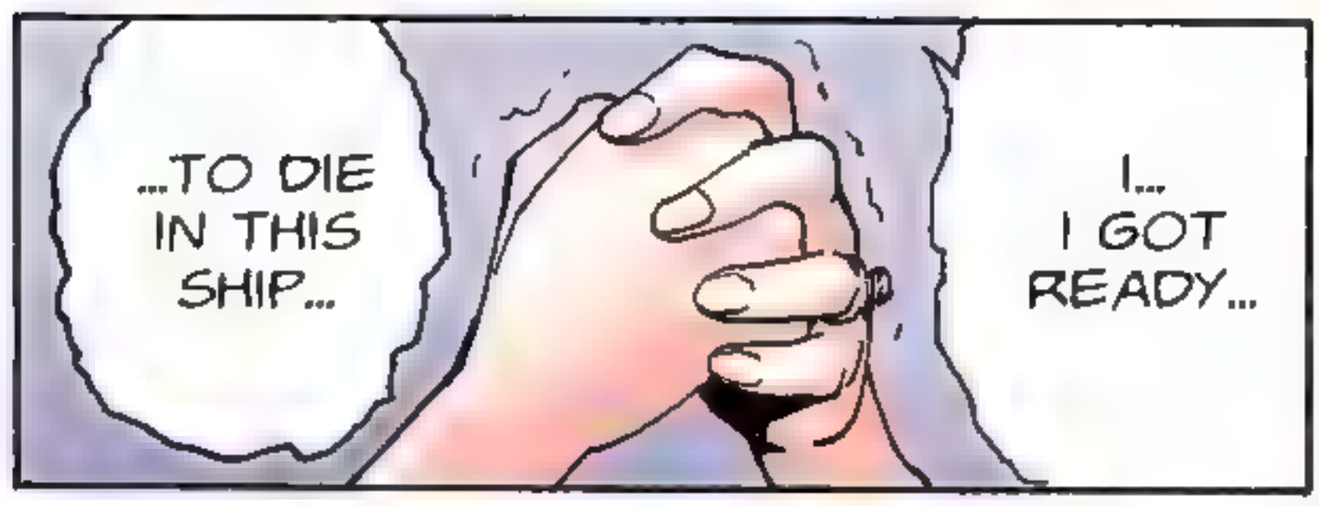
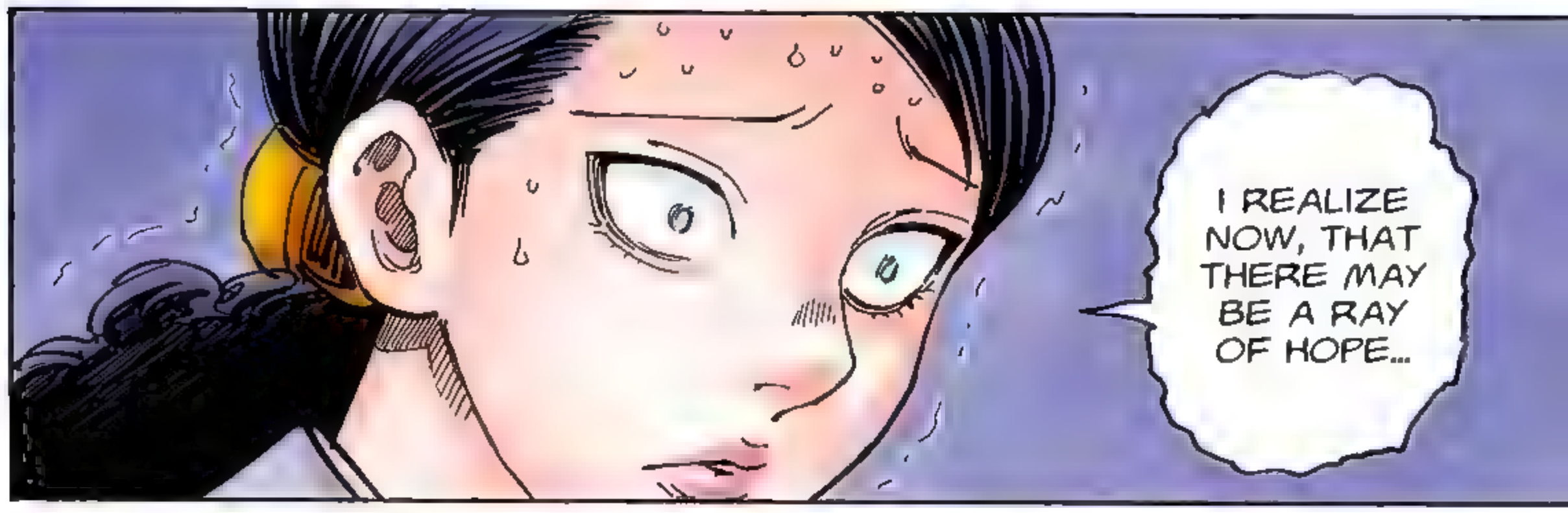



...TO DIE IN THIS SHIP...
I... I GOT READY...


I REALIZE NOW, THAT THERE MAY BE A RAY OF HOPE...

YOU SHOULD REST, YOU NEED IT.
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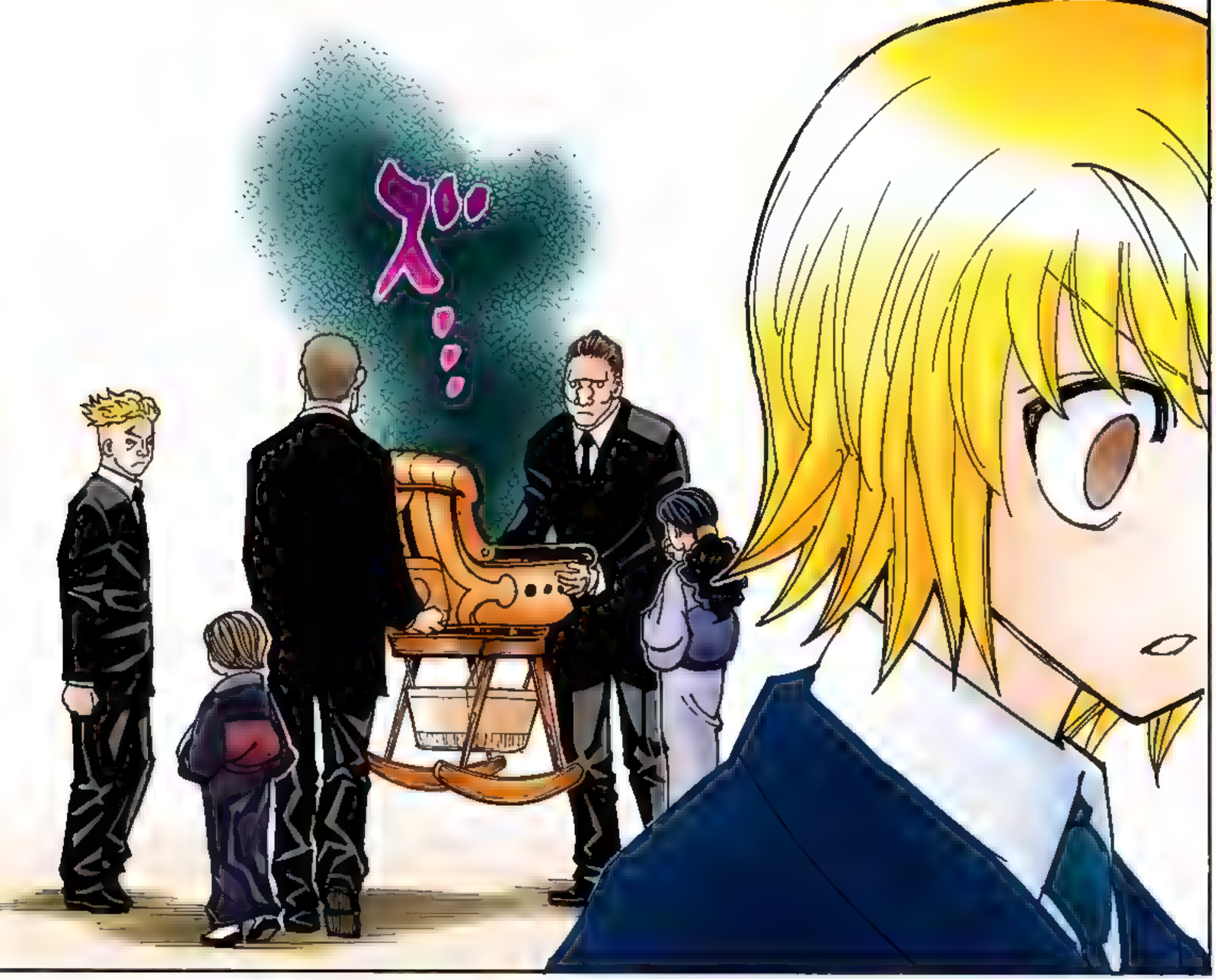
PLEASE PUT ME IN TOUCH WITH THE CONTROL ROOM.

YES... THANK YOU.
DURING THIS TIME, FOR MY PART, I WILL GATHER AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE.
PLEASE ESCORT THE QUEEN AND PRINCE TO THEIR APARTMENTS.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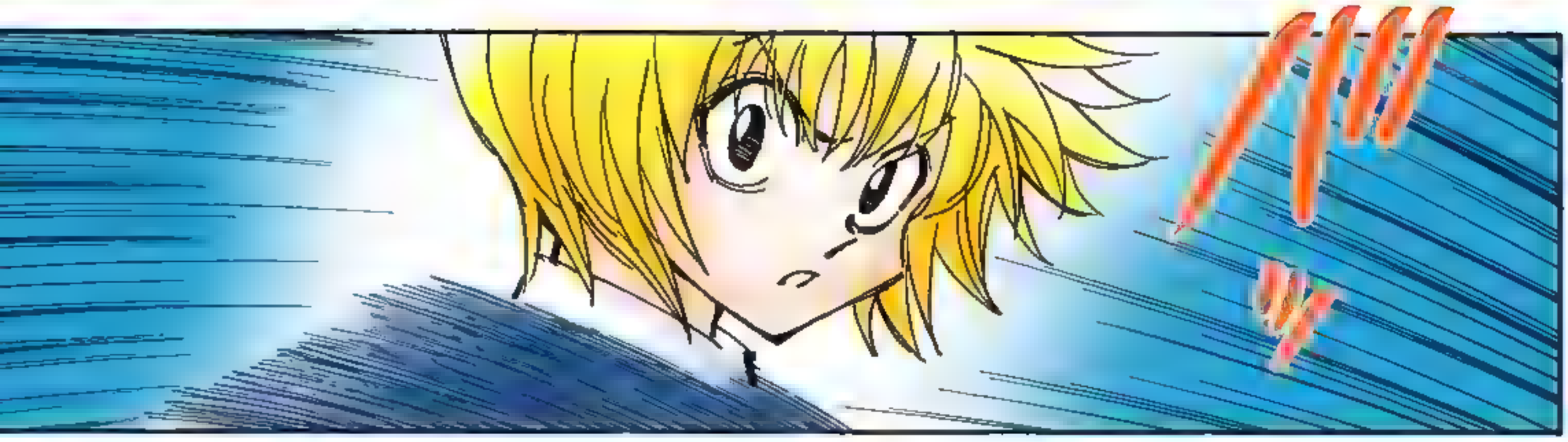

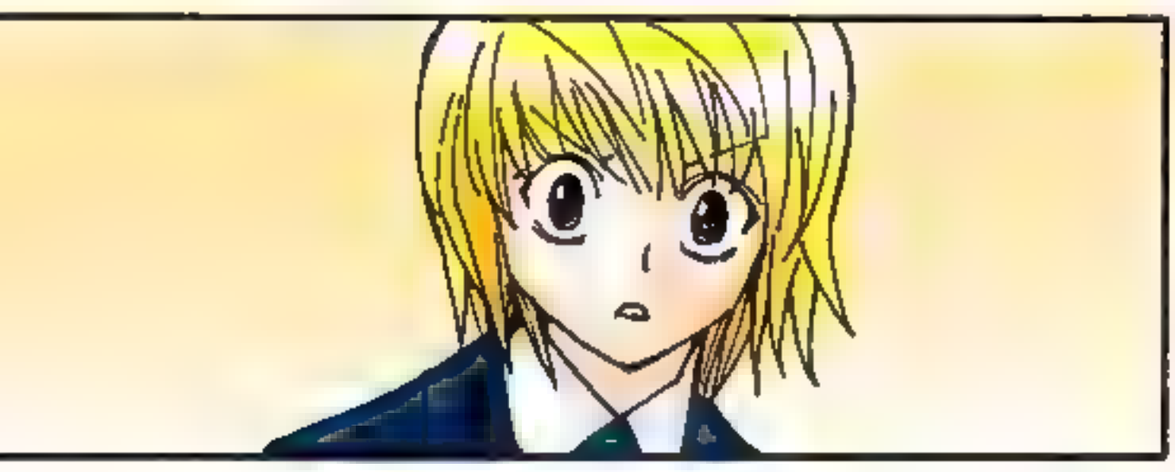

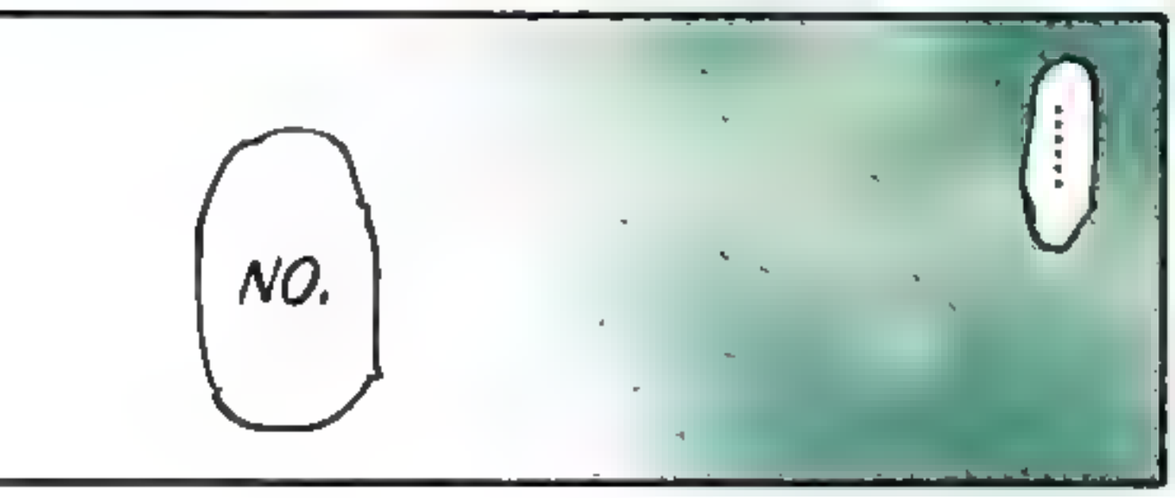
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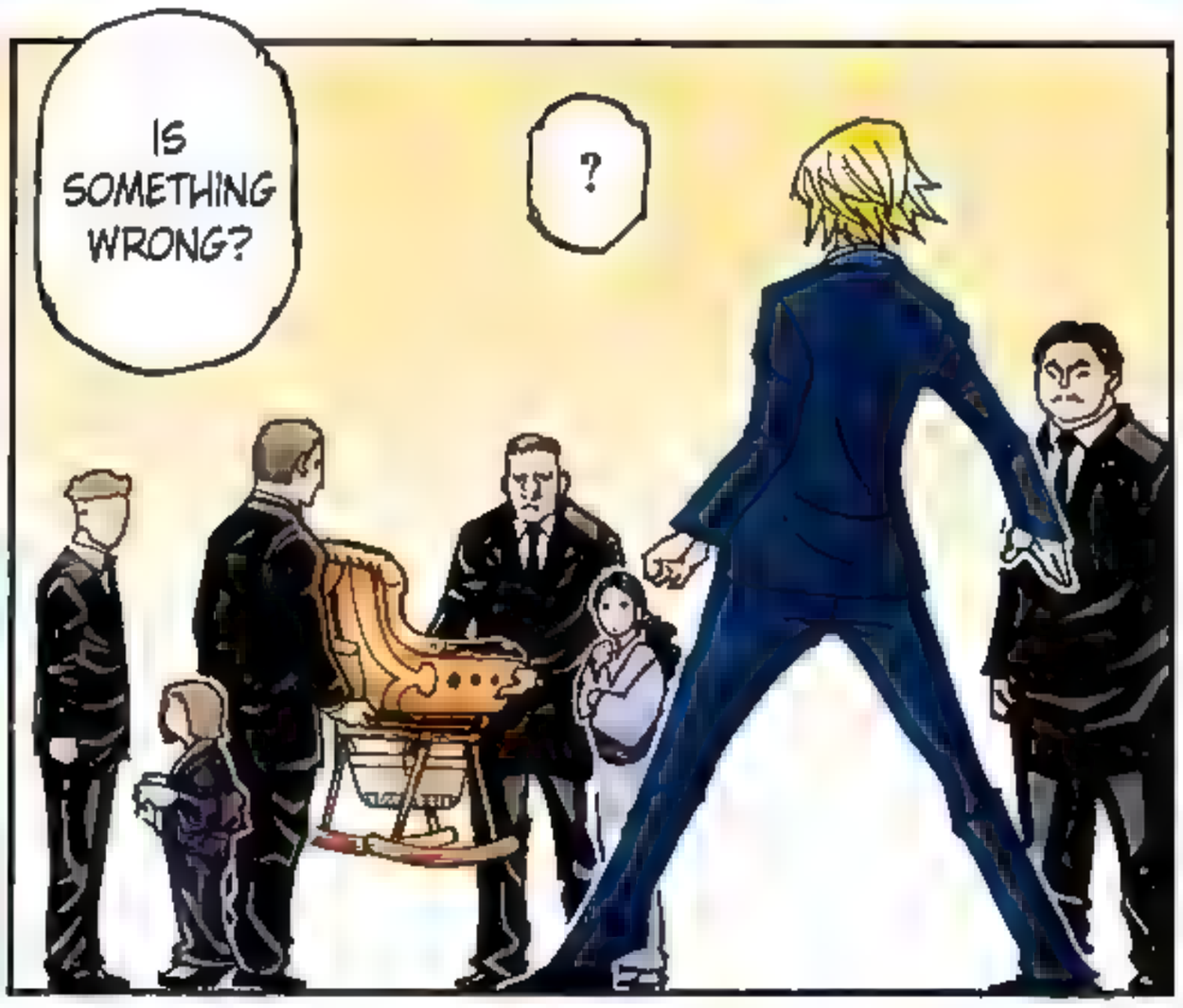
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
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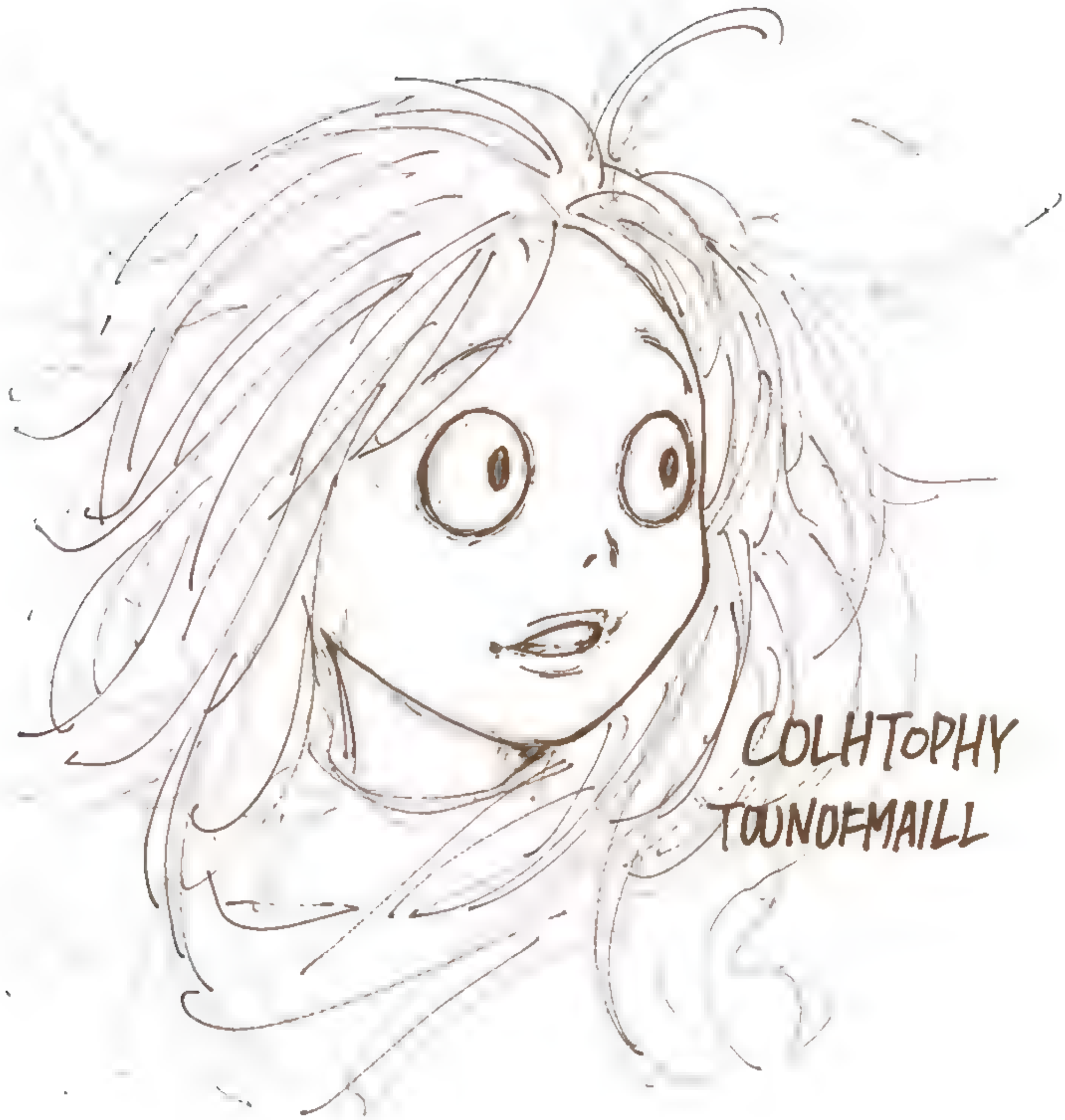
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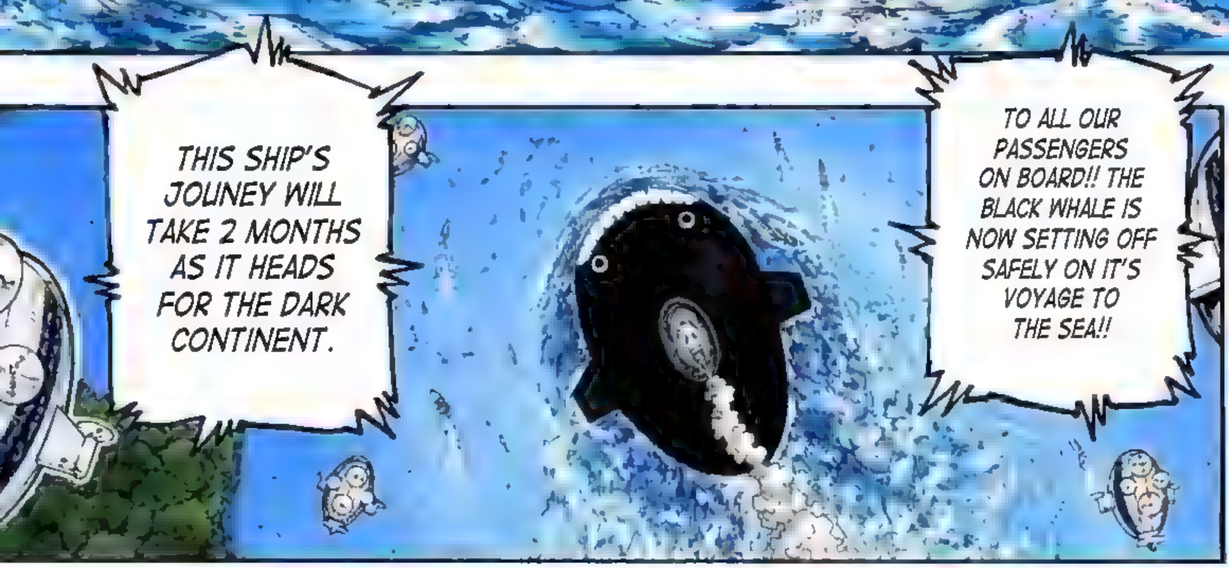
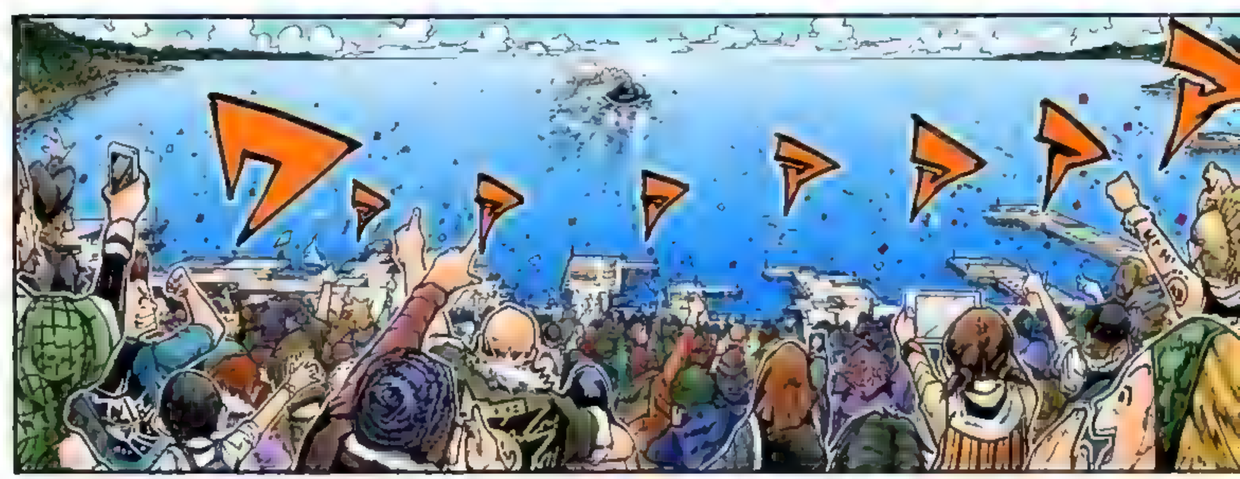
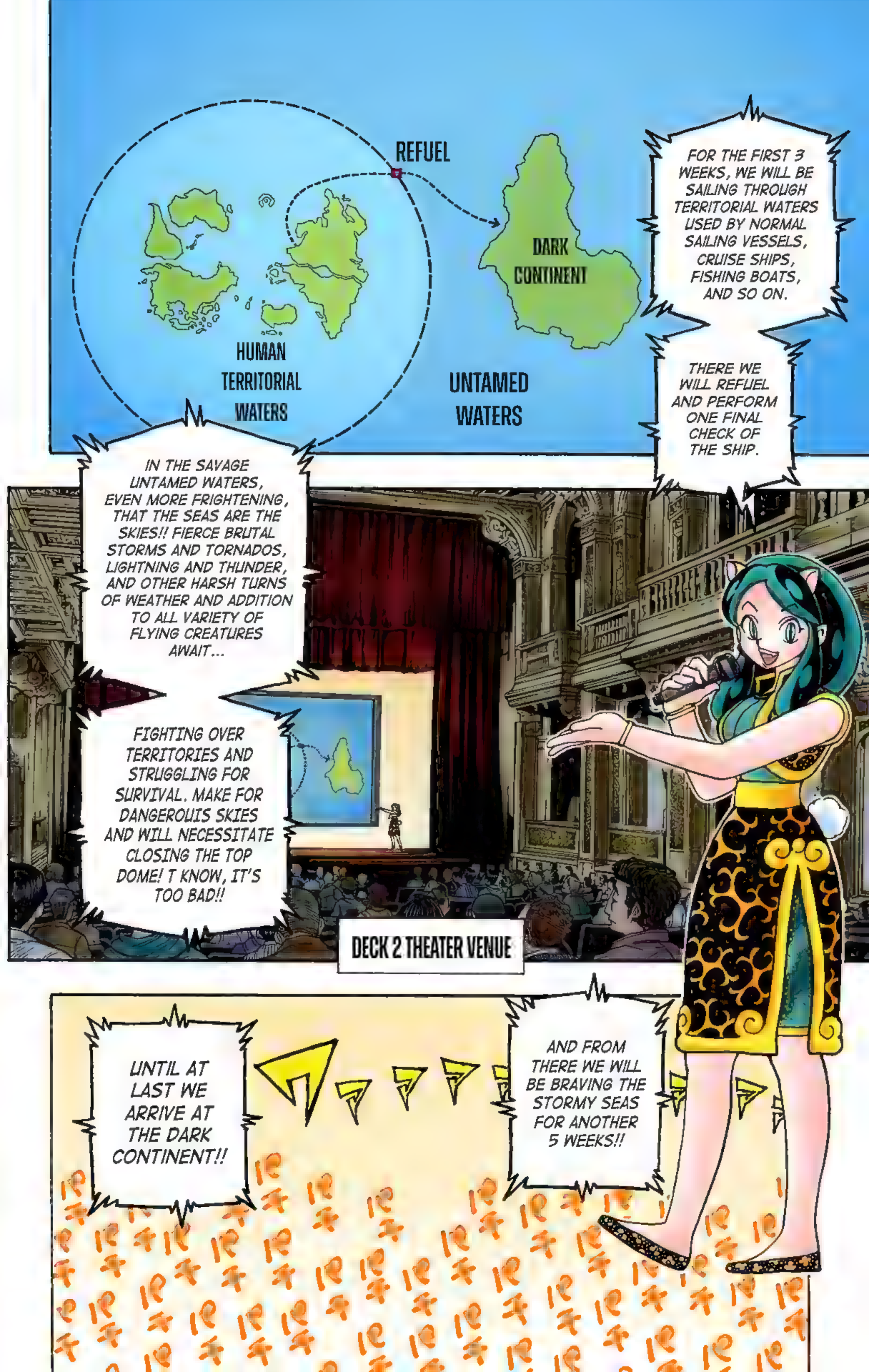
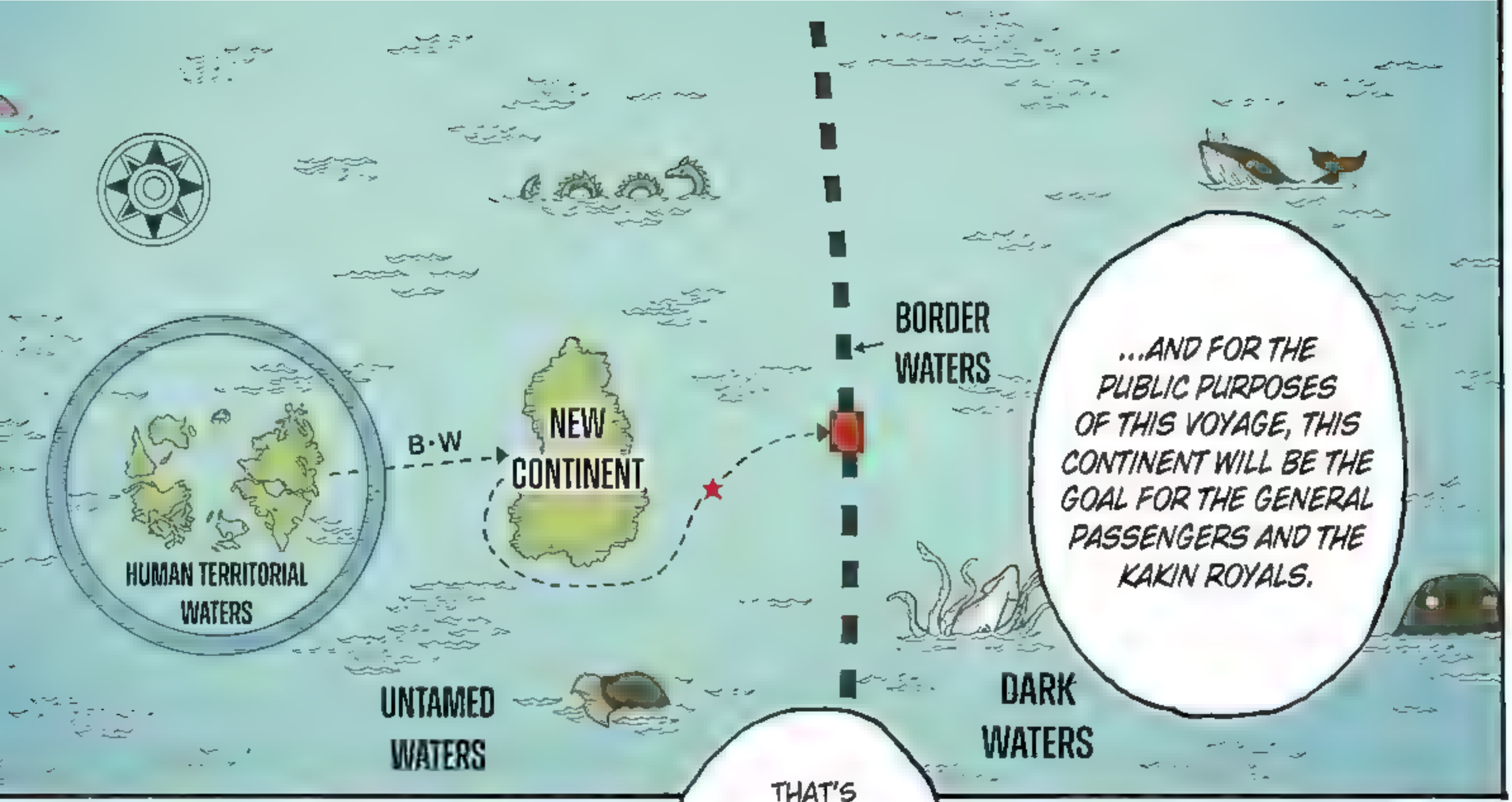
SETS SAILS!!!

THE BLACK WHALE #1...






REFUEL
DARK CONTINENT
HUMAN TERRITORIAL WATERS
UNTAMED WATERS
FOR THE FIRST 3 WEEKS, WE WILL BE SAILING THROUGH TERRITORIAL WATERS USED BY NORMAL SAILING VESSELS, CRUISE SHIPS, FISHING BOATS, AND SO ON.
THERE WE WILL REFUEL AND PERFORM ONE FINAL CHECK OF THE SHIP.
IN THE SAVAGE UNTAMED WATERS, EVEN MORE FRIGHTENING, THAT THE SEAS ARE THE SKIES!! FIERCE BRUTAL STORMS AND TORNADOS, LIGHTNING AND THUNDER, AND OTHER HARSH TURNS OF WEATHER AND ADDITION TO ALL VARIETY OF FLYING CREATURES AWAIT...
FIGHTING OVER TERRITORIES AND STRUGGLING FOR SURVIVAL. MAKE FOR DANGEROUIS SKIES AND WILL NECESSITATE CLOSING THE TOP DOME! T KNOW, IT'S TOO BAD!!
DECK 2 THEATER VENUE
UNTIL AT LAST WE ARRIVE AT THE DARK CONTINENT!!
AND FROM THERE WE WILL BE BRAVING THE STORMY SEAS FOR ANOTHER 5 WEEKS!!


HUMAN TERRITORIAL WATERS
B·W
NEW CONTINENT
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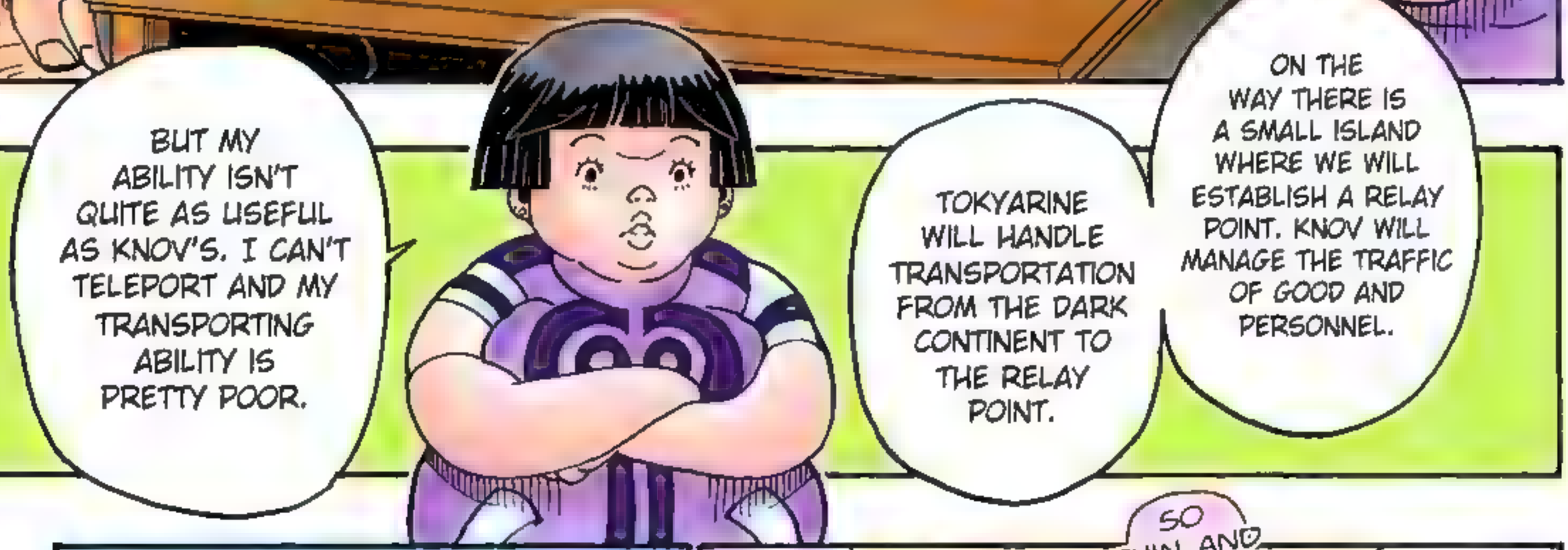
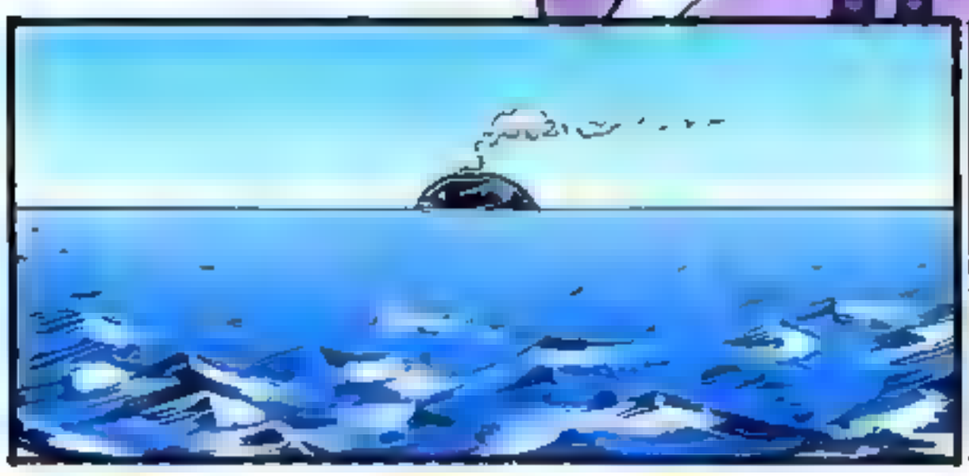
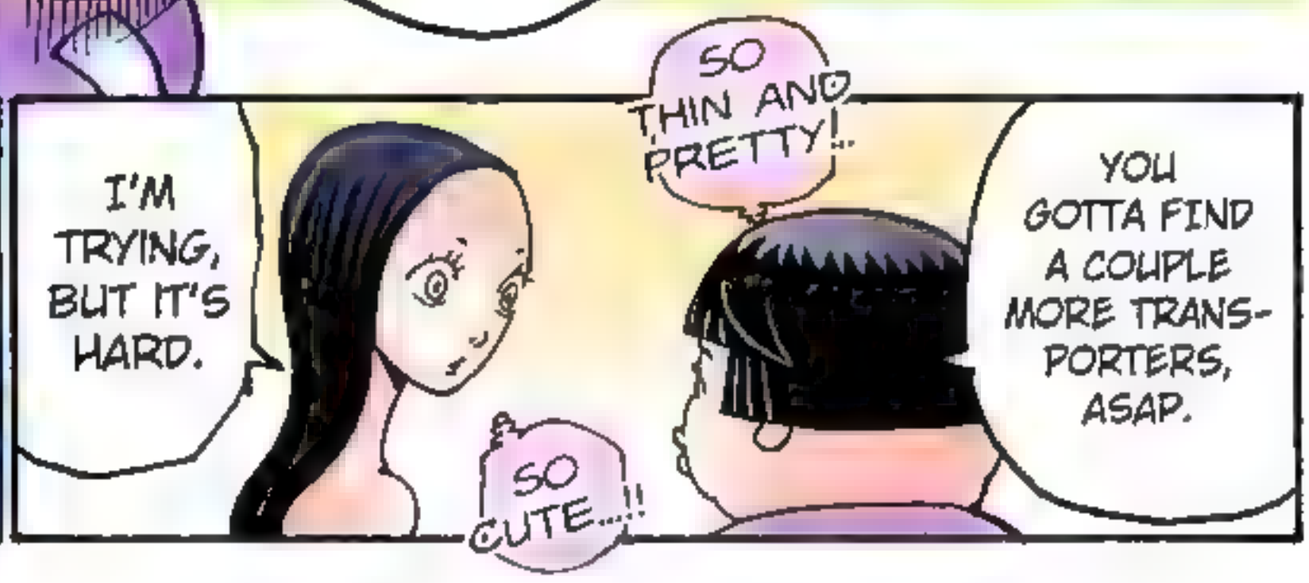
BORDER WATERS
DARK WATERS
...AND FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSES OF THIS VOYAGE, THIS CONTINENT WILL BE THE GOAL FOR THE GENERAL PASSENGERS AND THE KAKIN ROYALS.

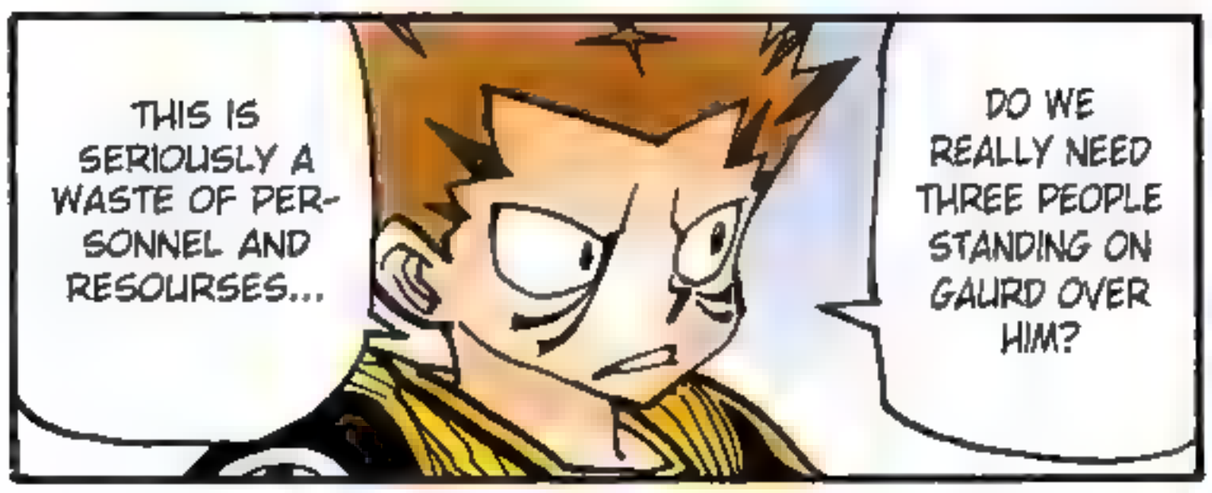
DECK 3 - FIRST CLASS CABIN
THAT'S WHERE WE'LL BE TRANSFERRING TO MOREL'S SHIP AND HEAD TO THE GATE WHERE THE KEEPER IS WAITING.

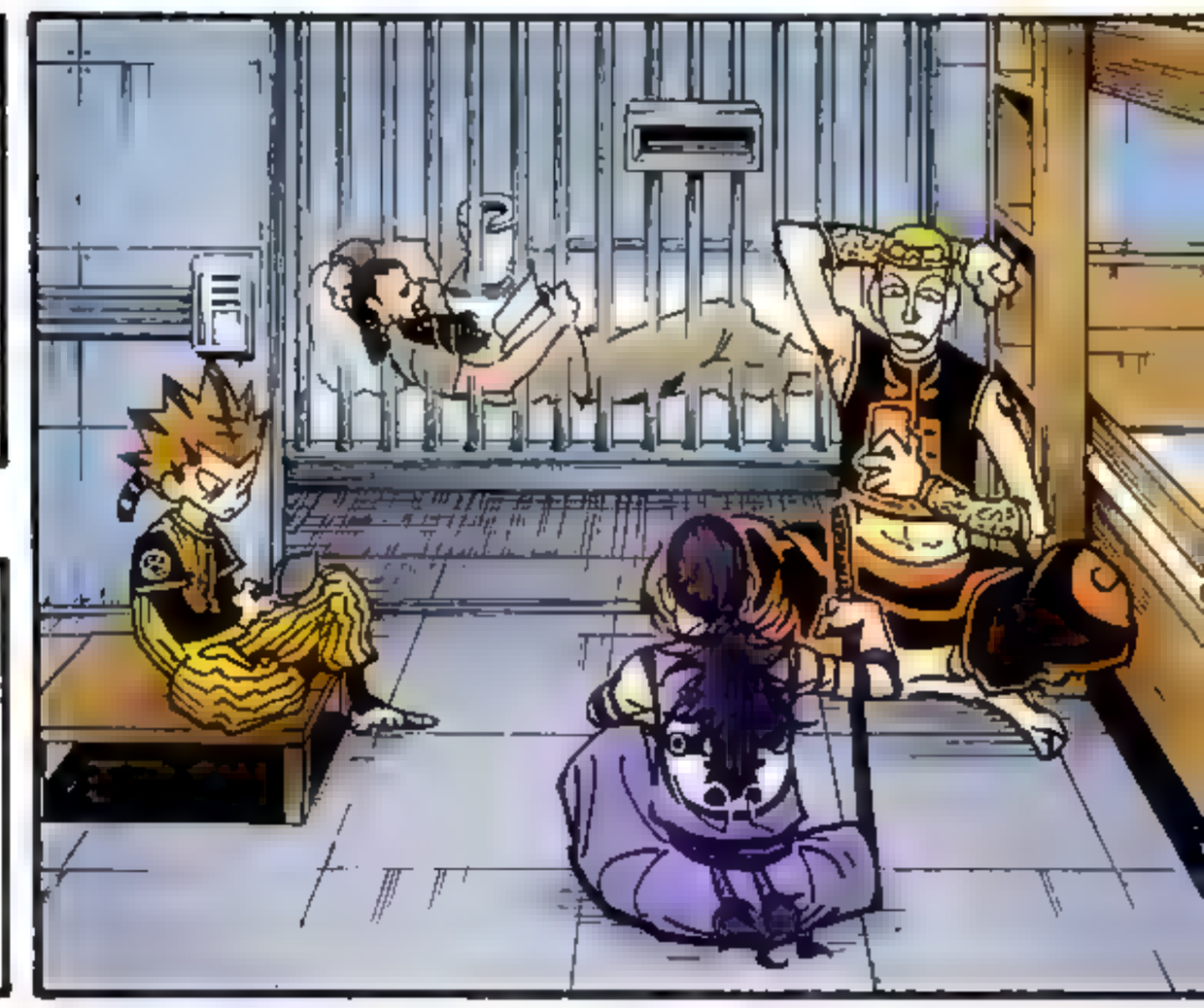

BUT MY ABILITY ISN'T QUITE AS USEFUL AS KNOV'S. I CAN'T TELEPORT AND MY TRANSPORTING ABILITY IS PRETTY POOR.
TOKYARINE WILL HANDLE TRANSPORTATION FROM THE DARK CONTINENT TO THE RELAY POINT.
ON THE WAY THERE IS A SMALL ISLAND WHERE WE WILL ESTABLISH A RELAY POINT. KNOV WILL MANAGE THE TRAFFIC OF GOOD AND PERSONNEL.

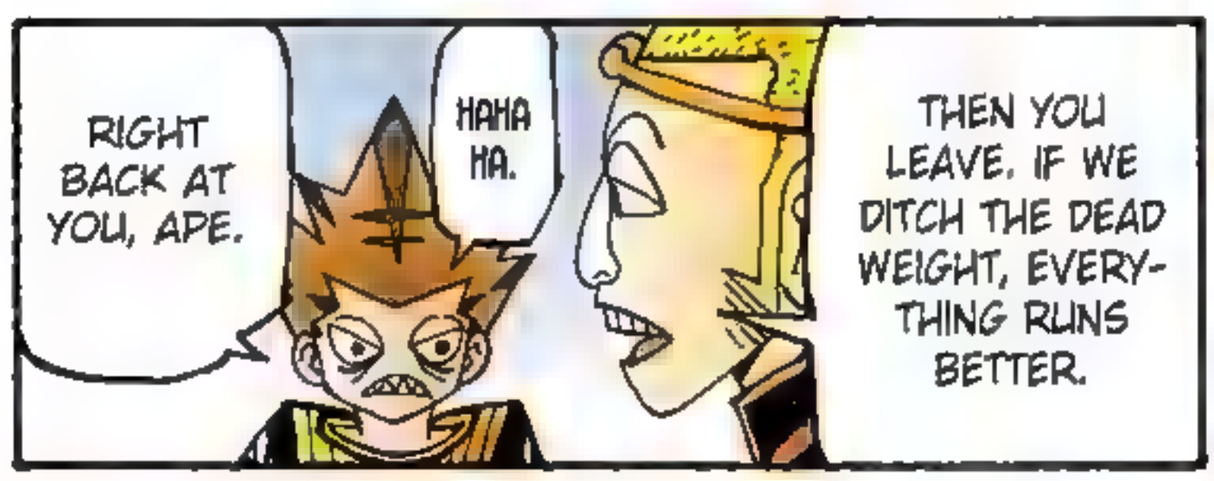


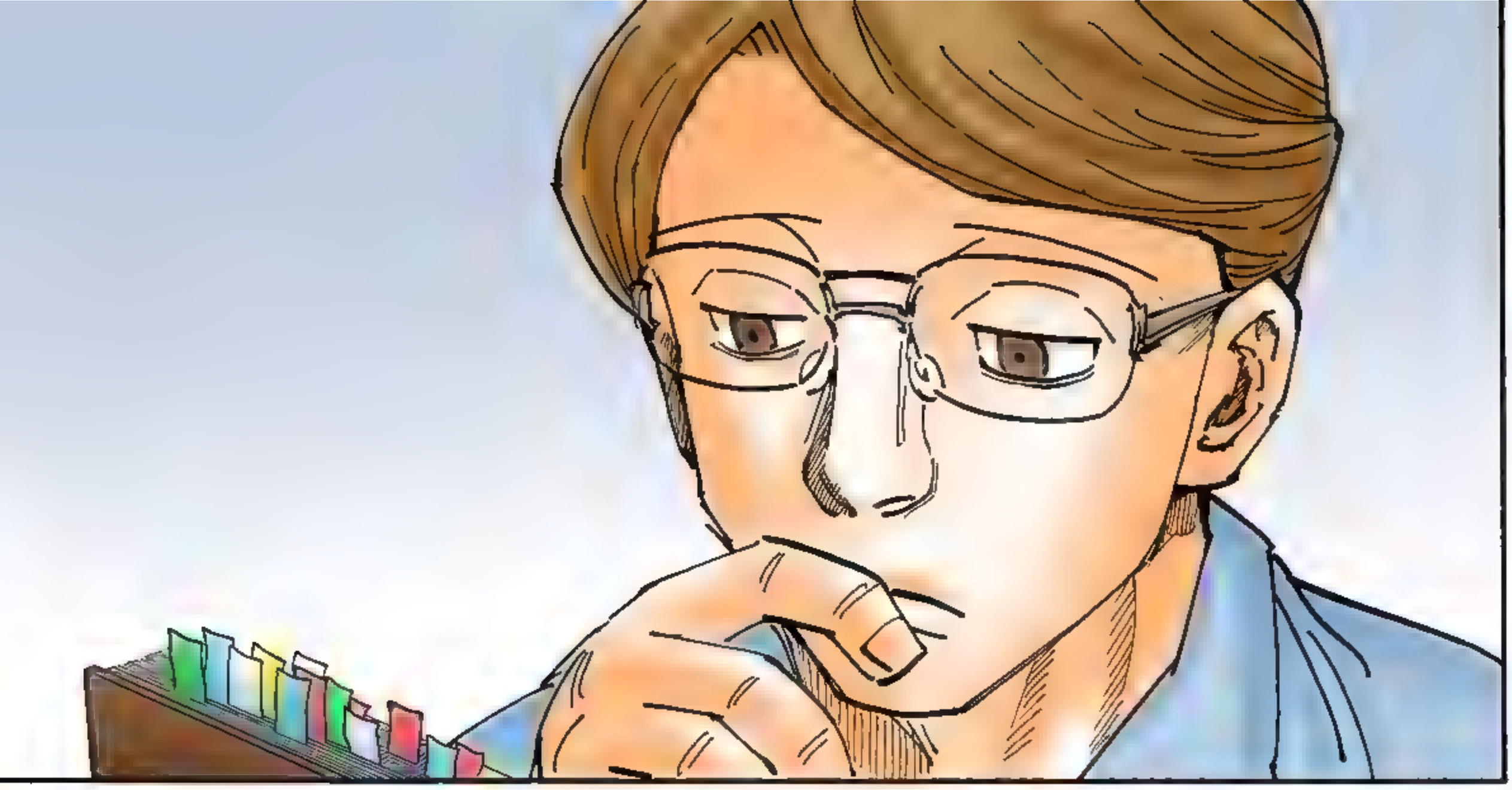

I'M TRYING, BUT IT'S HARD.
SO THIN AND PRETTY!...
SO CUTE...!!
YOU GOTTA FIND A COUPLE MORE TRANS-PORTERS, ASAP.

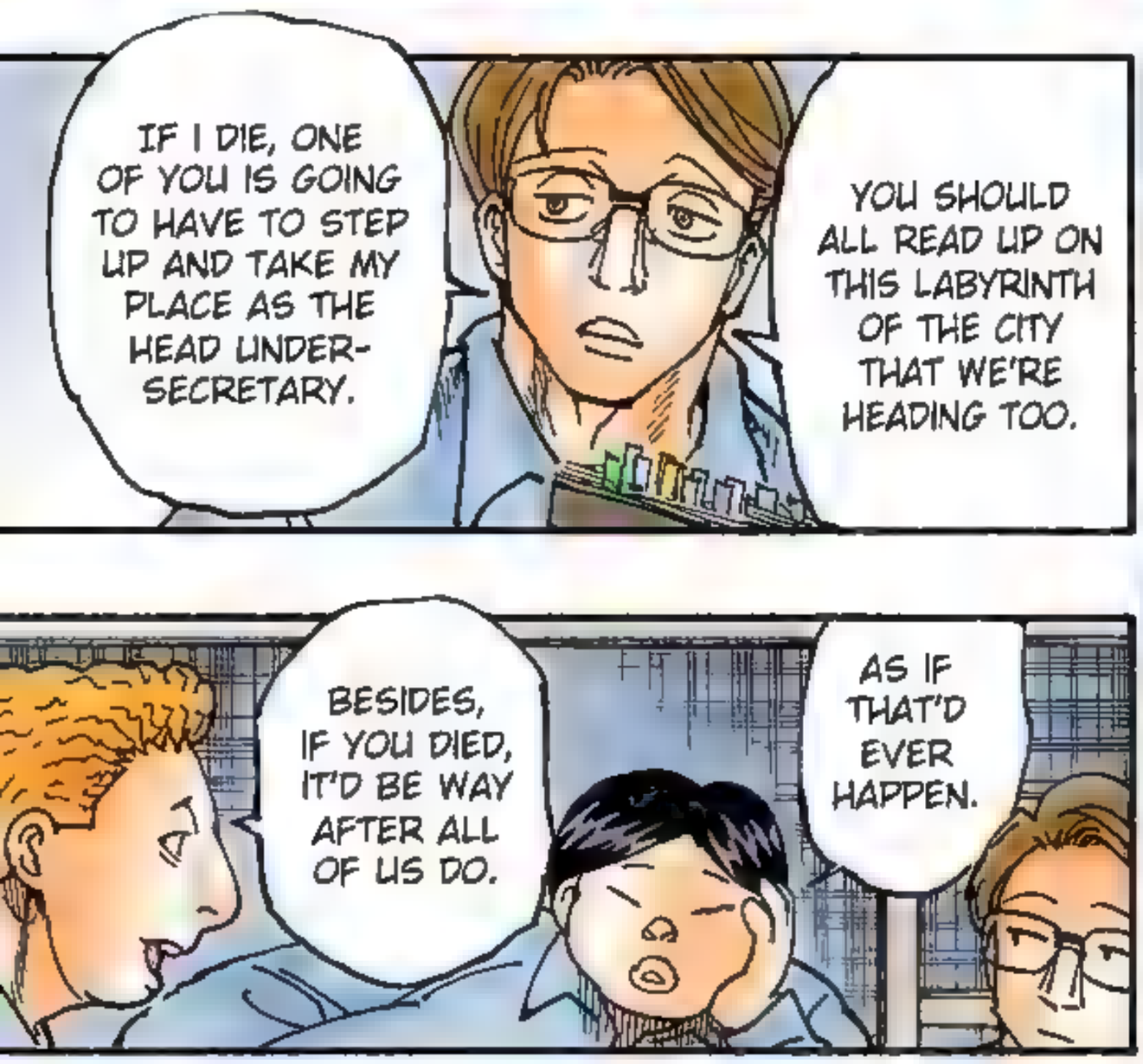
DECK 1 - BEYOND'S CELL

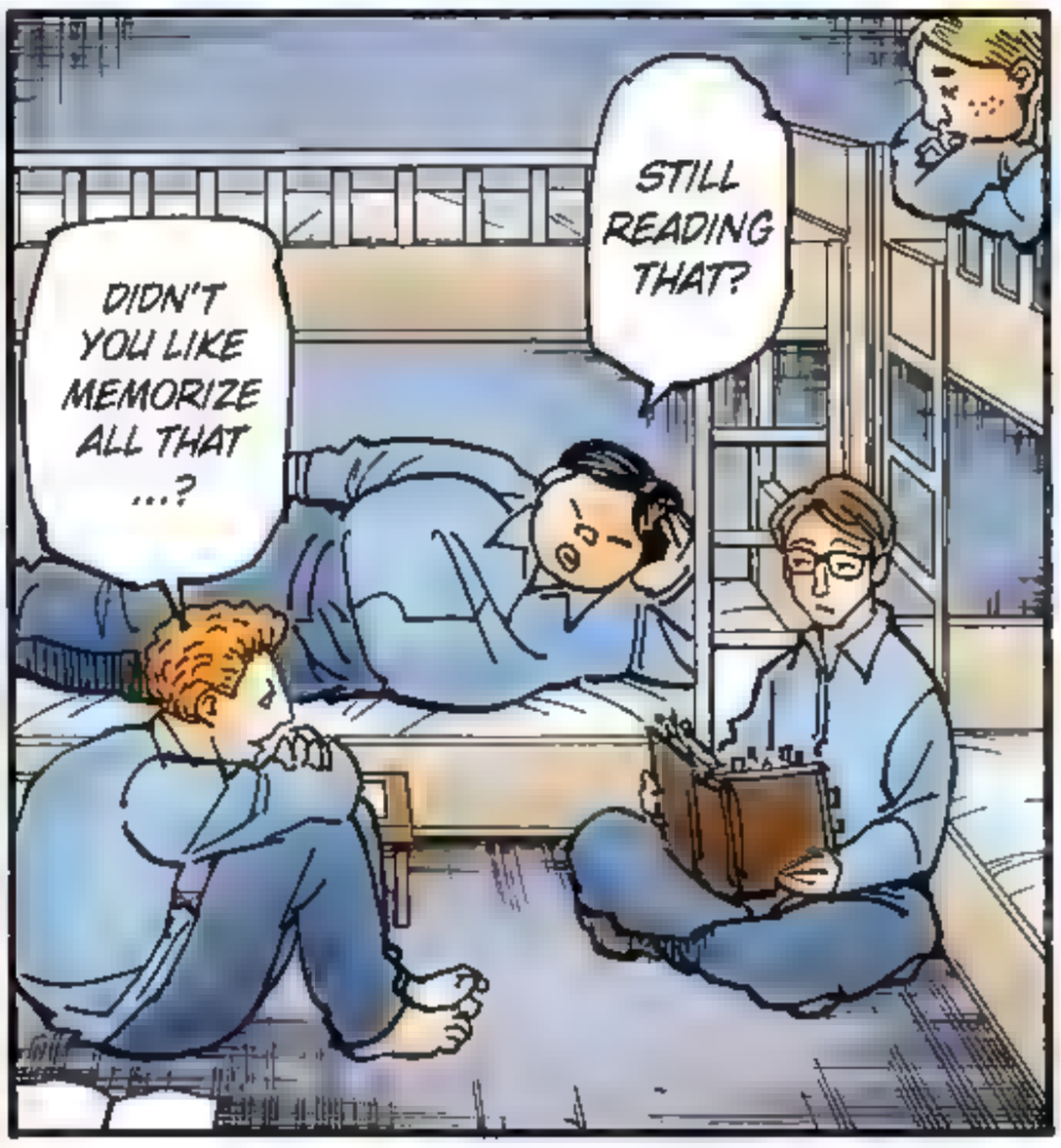









IF I DIE, ONE OF YOU IS GOING TO HAVE TO STEP UP AND TAKE MY PLACE AS THE HEAD UNDER-SECRETARY.
YOU SHOULD ALL READ UP ON THIS LABYRINTH OF THE CITY THAT WE'RE HEADING TOO.
BESIDES, IF YOU DIED, IT'D BE WAY AFTER ALL OF US DO.
AS IF THAT'D EVER HAPPEN.


STILL READING THAT?
DIDN'T YOU LIKE MEMORIZE ALL THAT ...?

THE DIRECTOR SAID THE SAME THING.
IT'S A FREE RIDE STRAIGHT TO A PROMOTION. DON'T WORRY.
AND BESIDES, YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH A LIVING ENDORSEMENT IN BACKING UP BEYOND'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS, SO WE'RE TOTALLY SAFE.
WILL BE COUNTING ON YOU.
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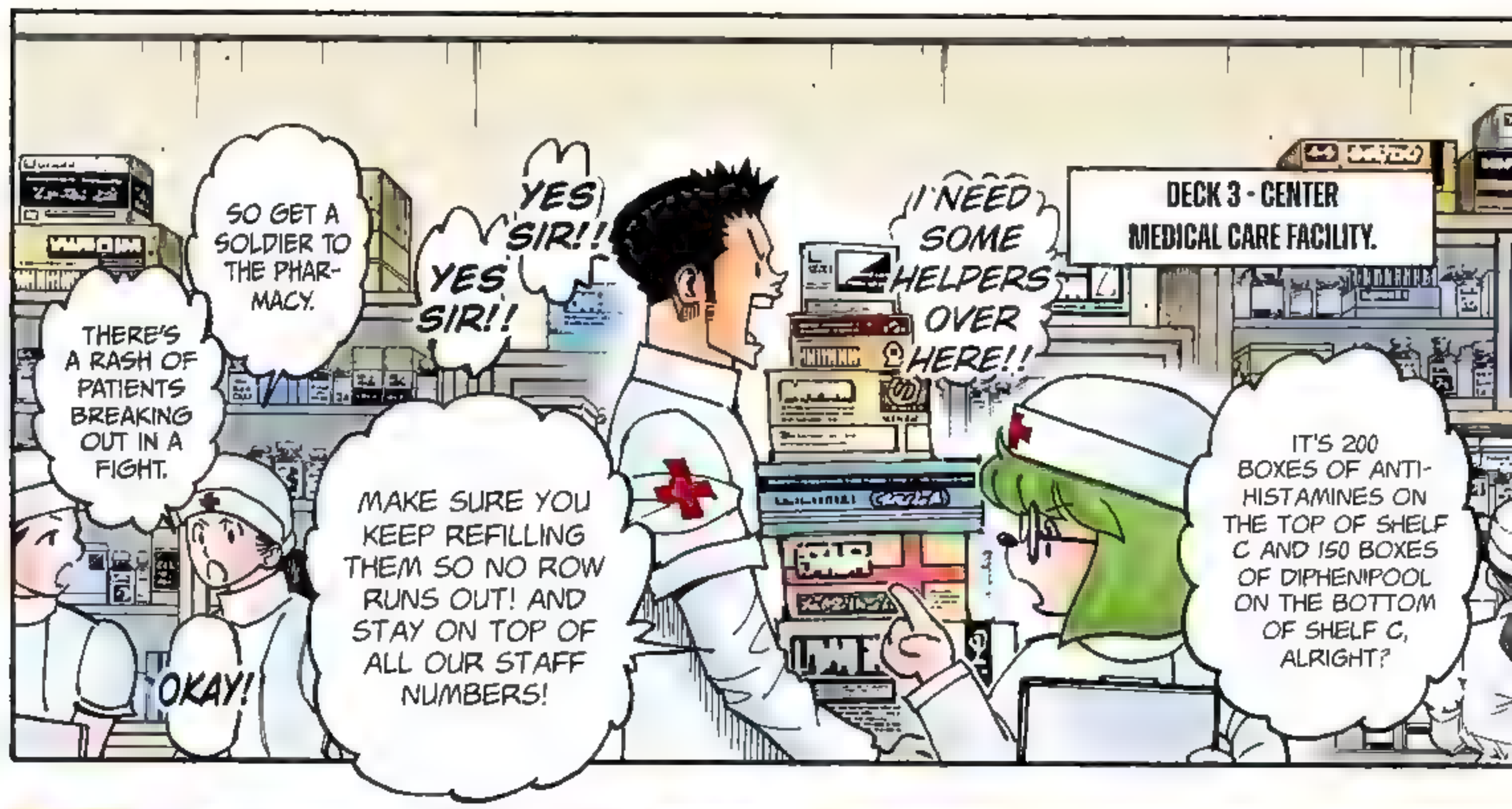
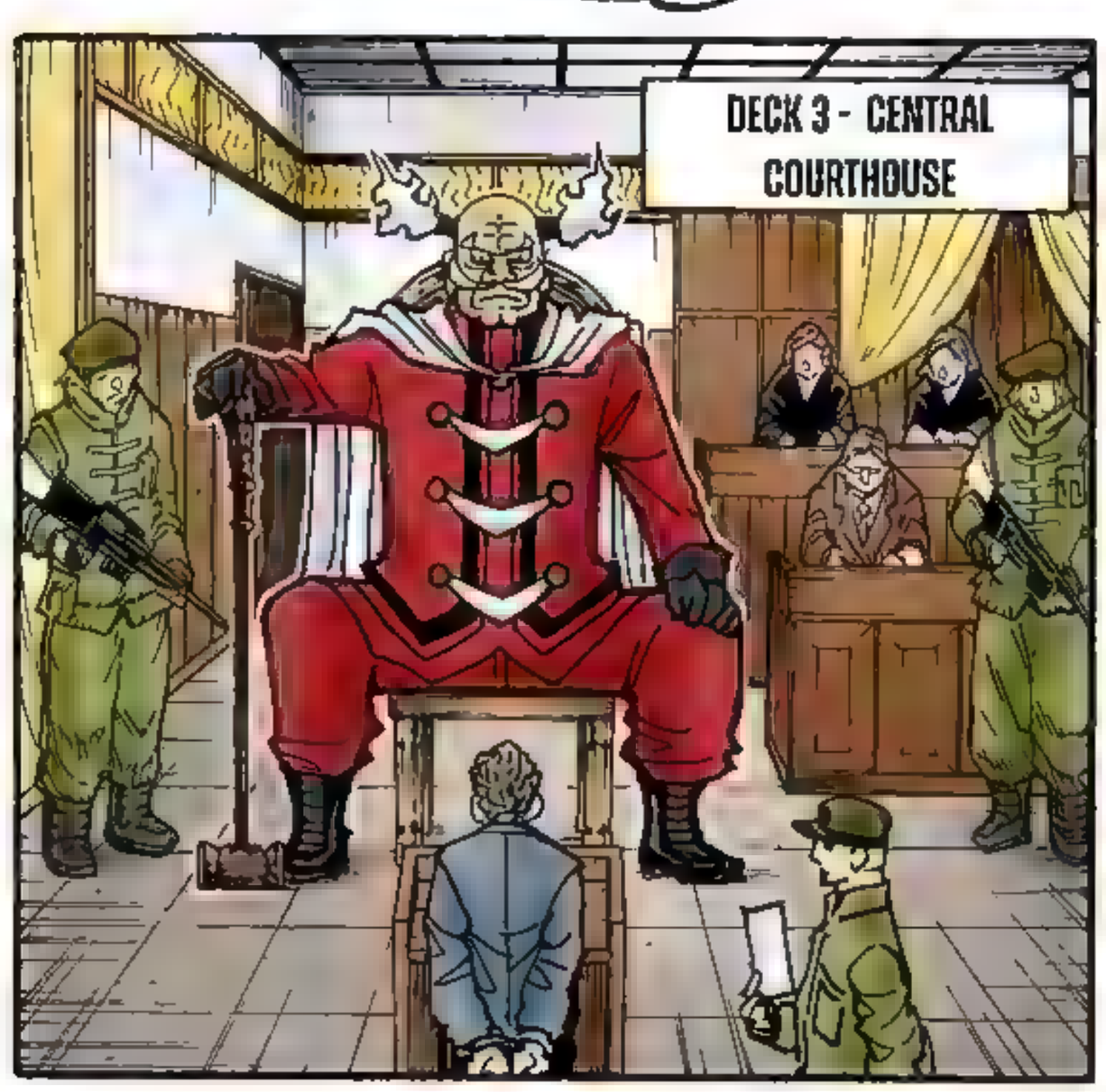
NOT TO MENTION, THERE'S FULL-SCALE SUPPORT AND SECURITY FROM THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION, SO THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEMS.
ALTHOUGH NOT INCLUDED OFFICIALLY, THE CURRENT HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEA TRAVEL PERMISSION BUREAU IS ONE OF THE "SOLE SURVIVORS".


THERE'S A RASH OF PATIENTS BREAKING OUT IN A FIGHT.
SO GET A SOLDIER TO THE PHARMACY.
OKAY!
YES SIR!!
YES SIR!!
MAKE SURE YOU KEEP REFILLING THEM SO NO ROW RUNS OUT! AND STAY ON TOP OF ALL OUR STAFF NUMBERS!
I NEED SOME HELPERS OVER HERE!!
DECK 3 - CENTER MEDICAL CARE FACILITY.
IT'S 200 BOXES OF ANTI-HISTAMINES ON THE TOP OF SHELF C AND 150 BOXES OF DIPHENIPOOL ON THE BOTTOM OF SHELF C, ALRIGHT?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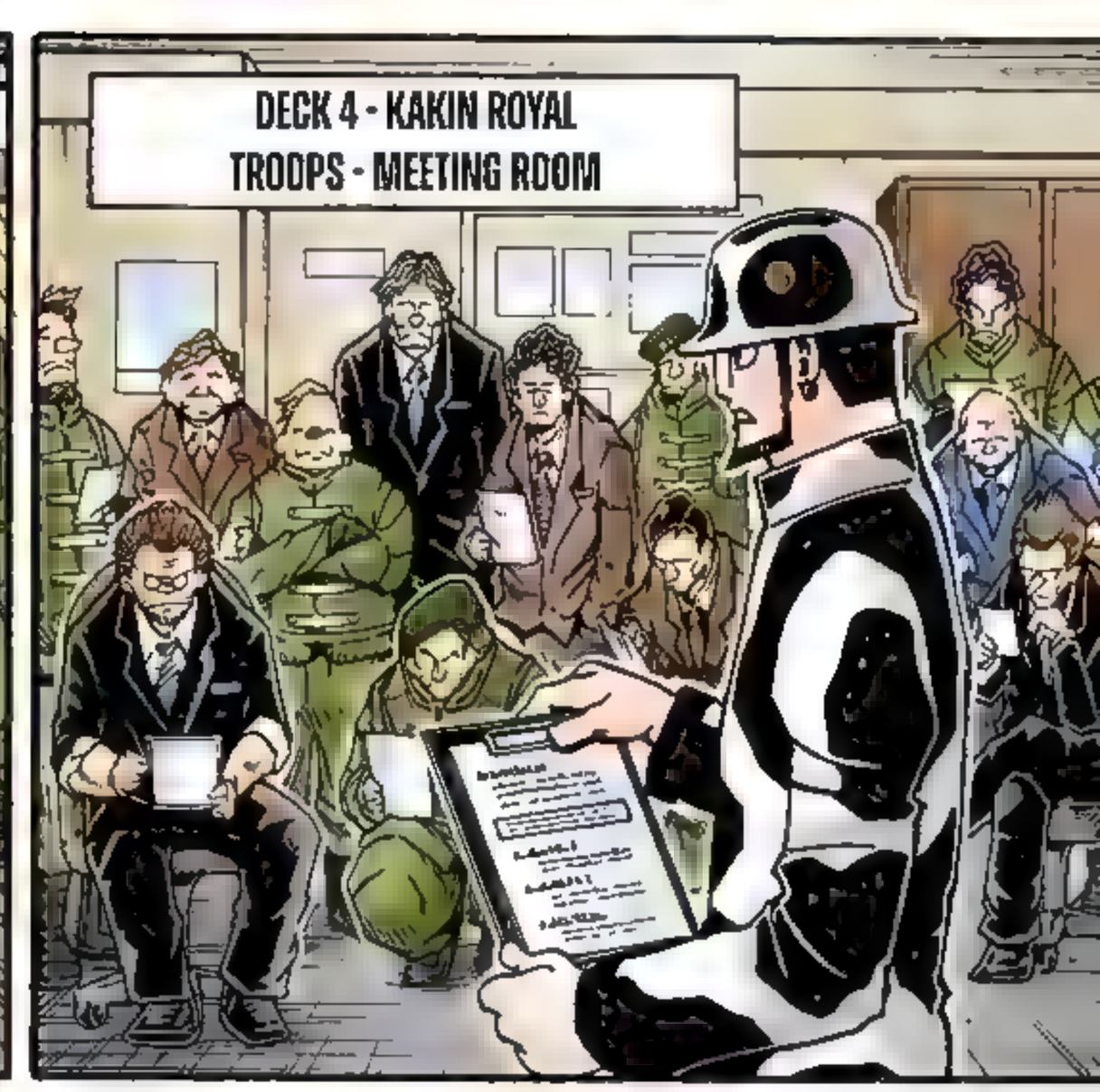
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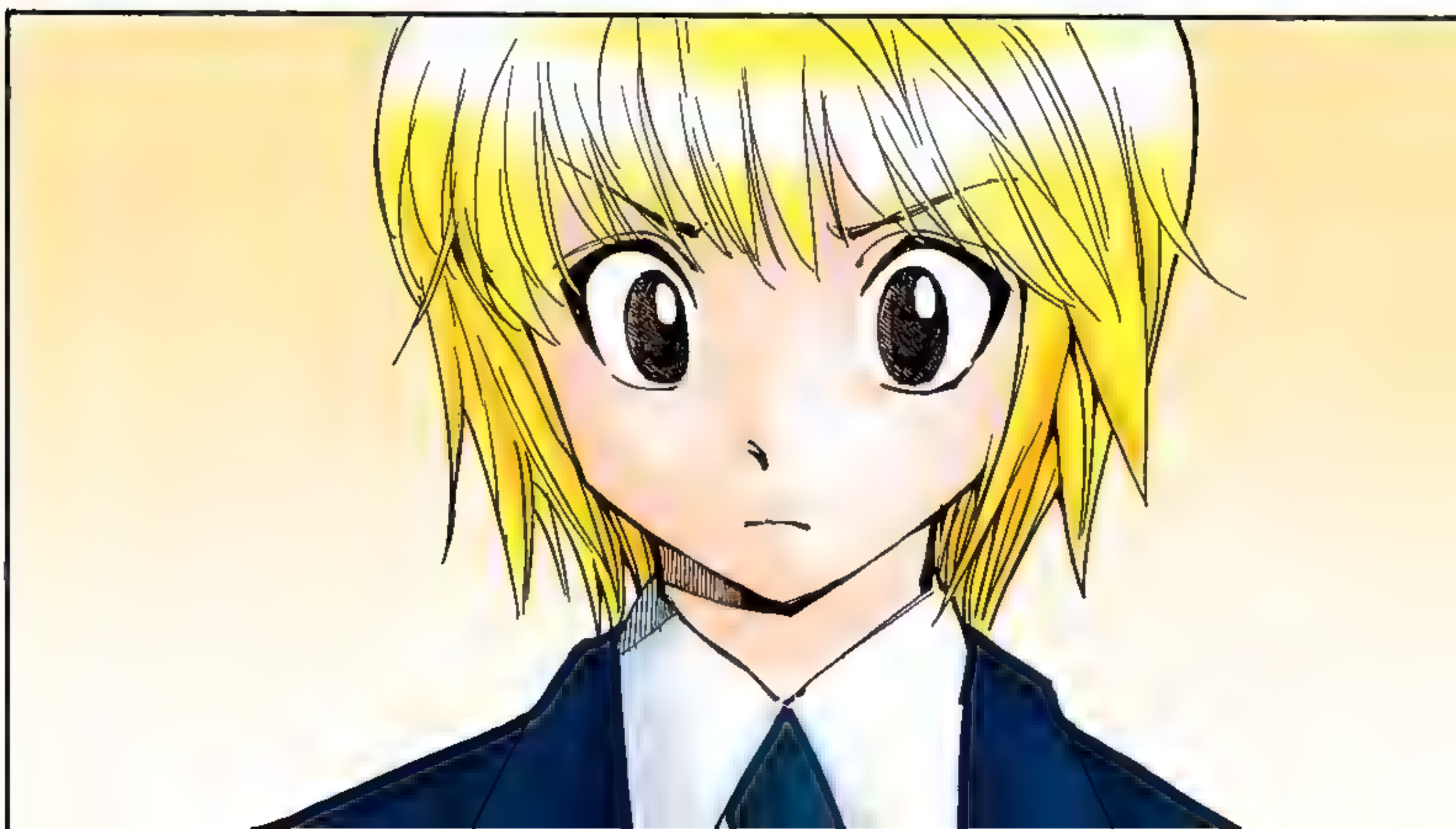


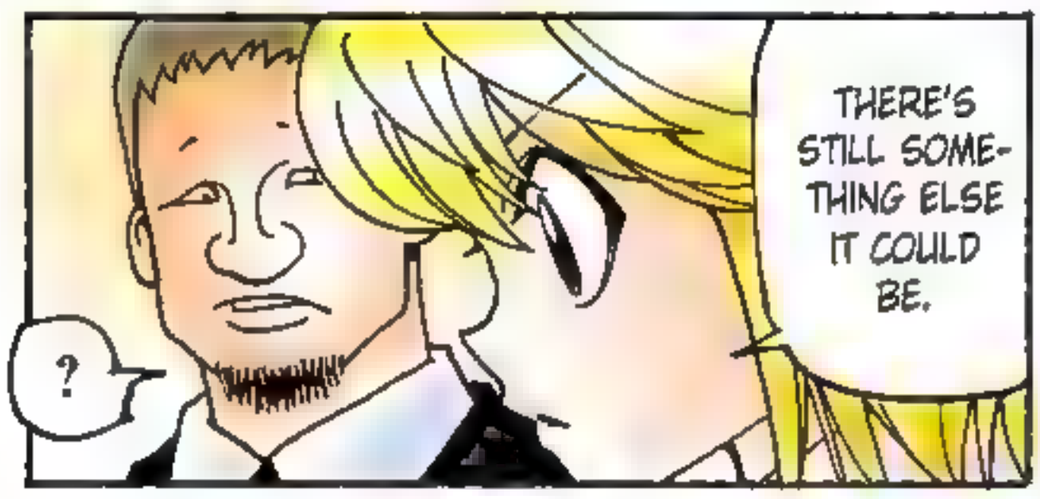
IT'S WOODY.

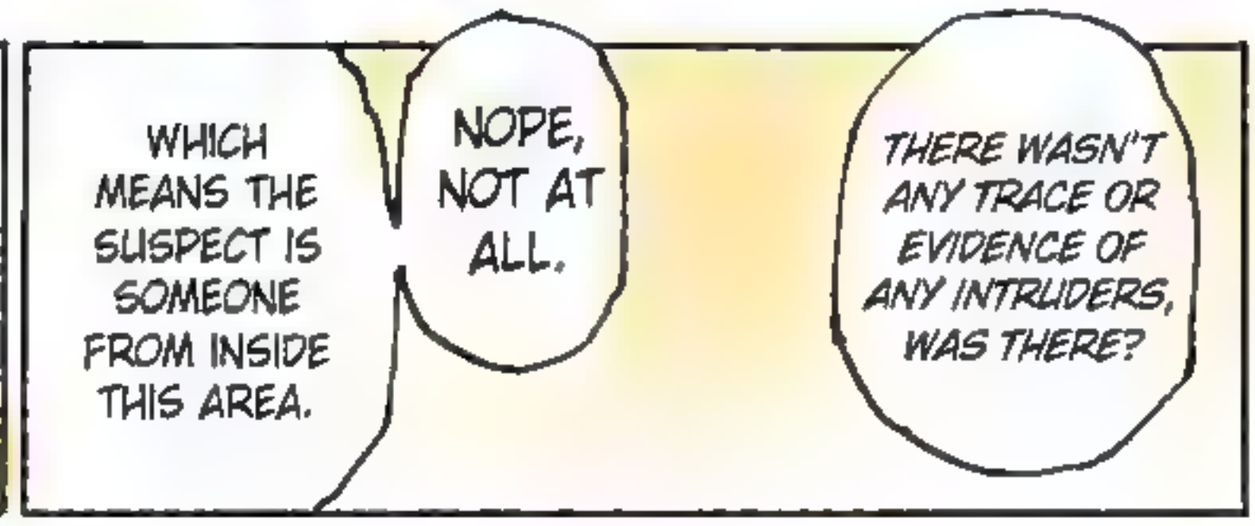
IT WASN'T LOCKED, BUT I NEVER LOCK THE DOOR IF I'M TAKING A WHIZ.

THE TIME OF DEATH IS ESTIMATED BETWEEN 12:15 AND 12:30.

ALL HIS BLOOD HAS BEEN DRAINED OUT.

HE DIDN'T CHECK IN, SO I LOOKED AN FOUND HIM LIKE THIS.





I'M GONNA TAKE OFF ALL HIS CLOTHES.

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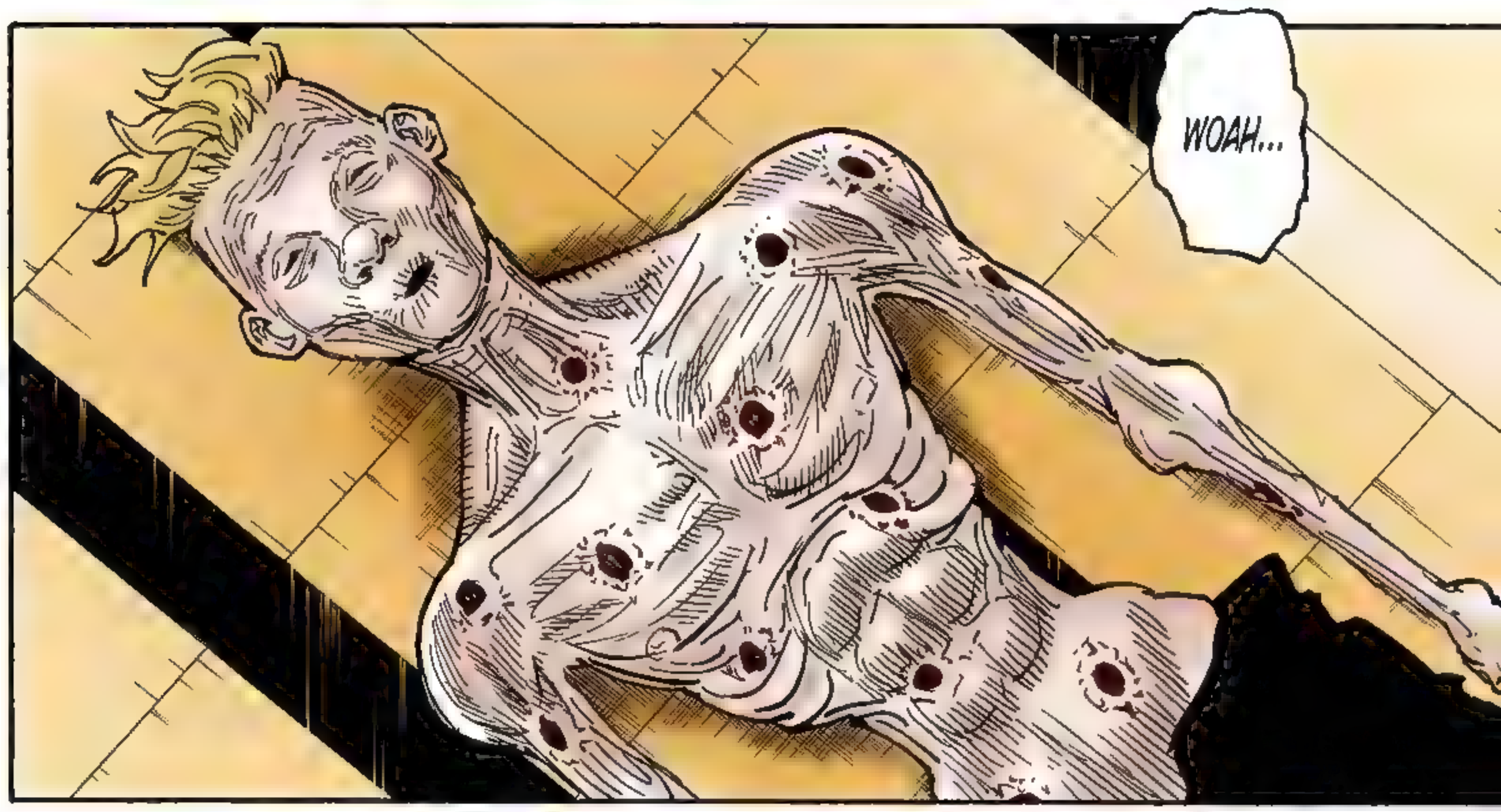
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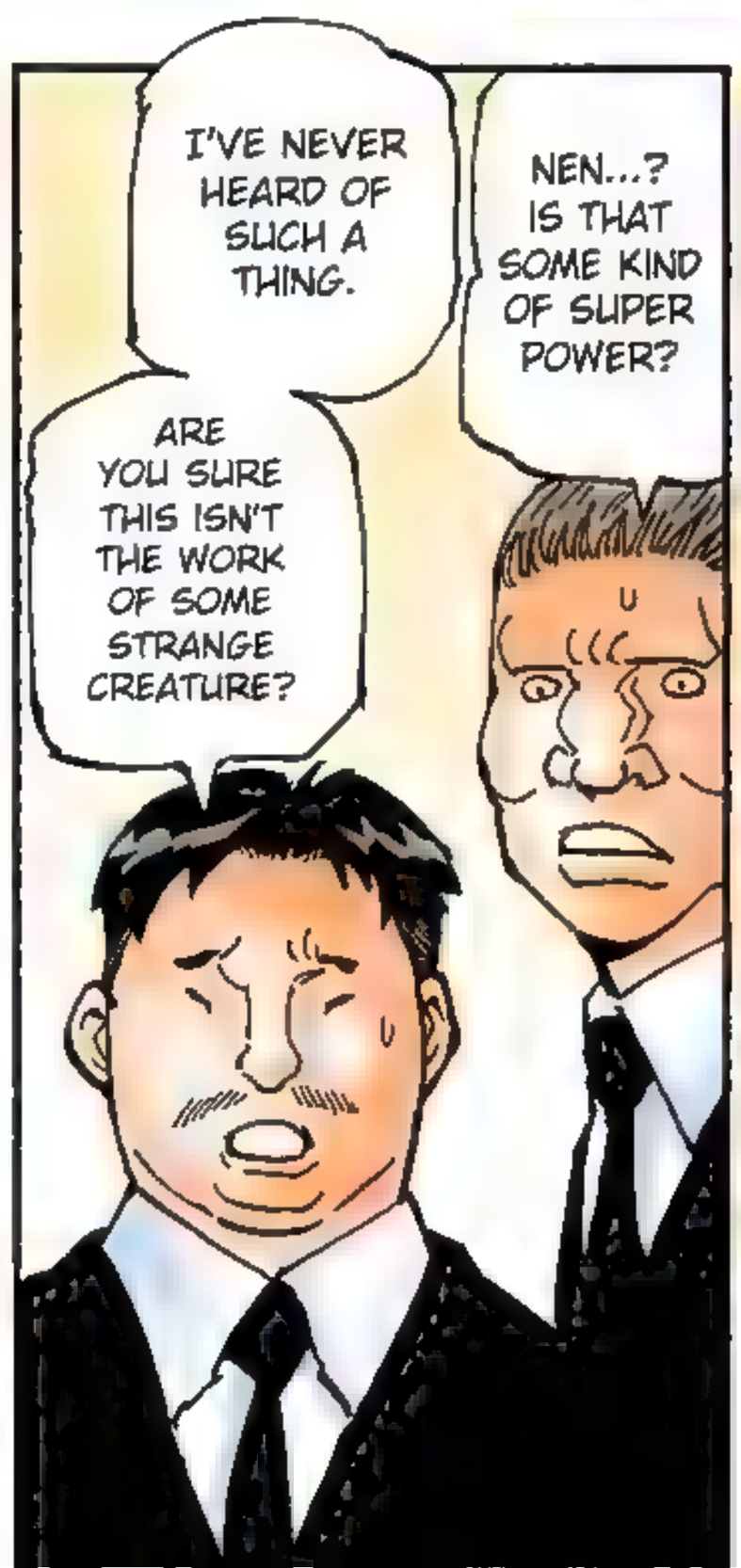
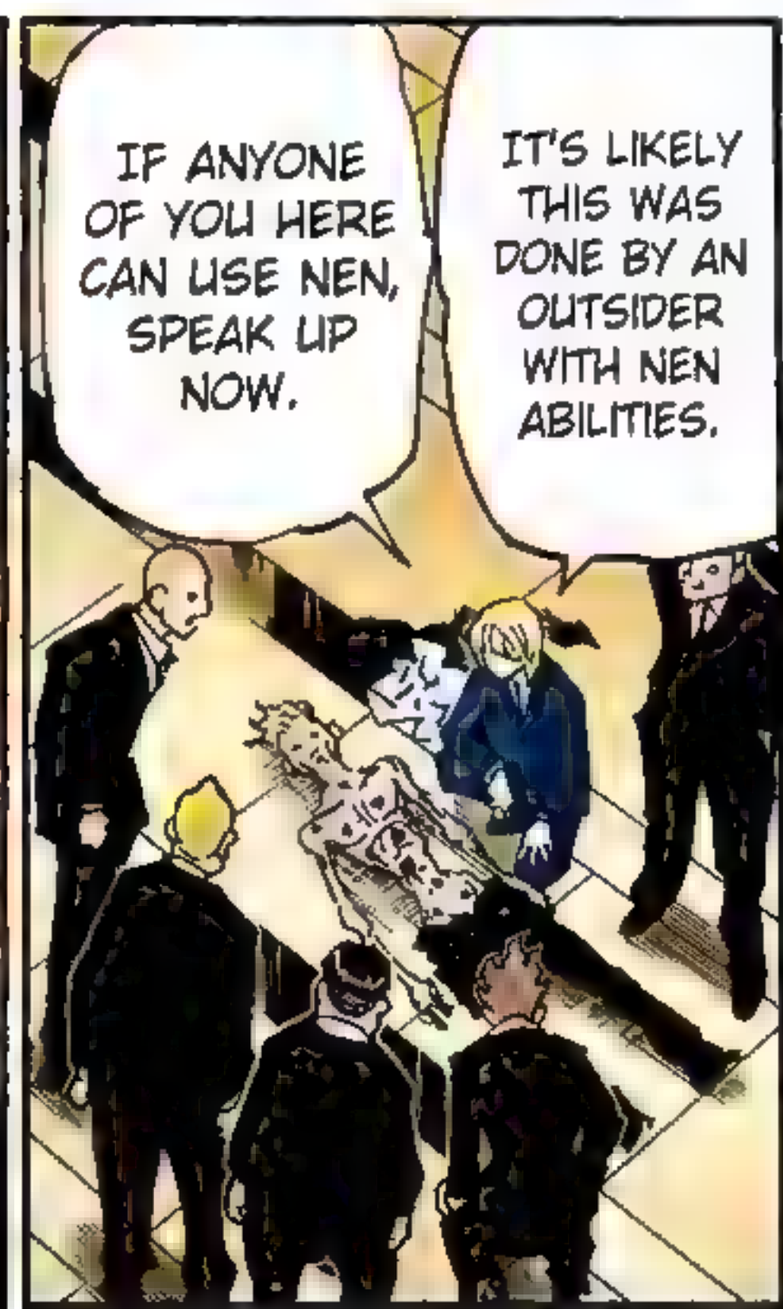
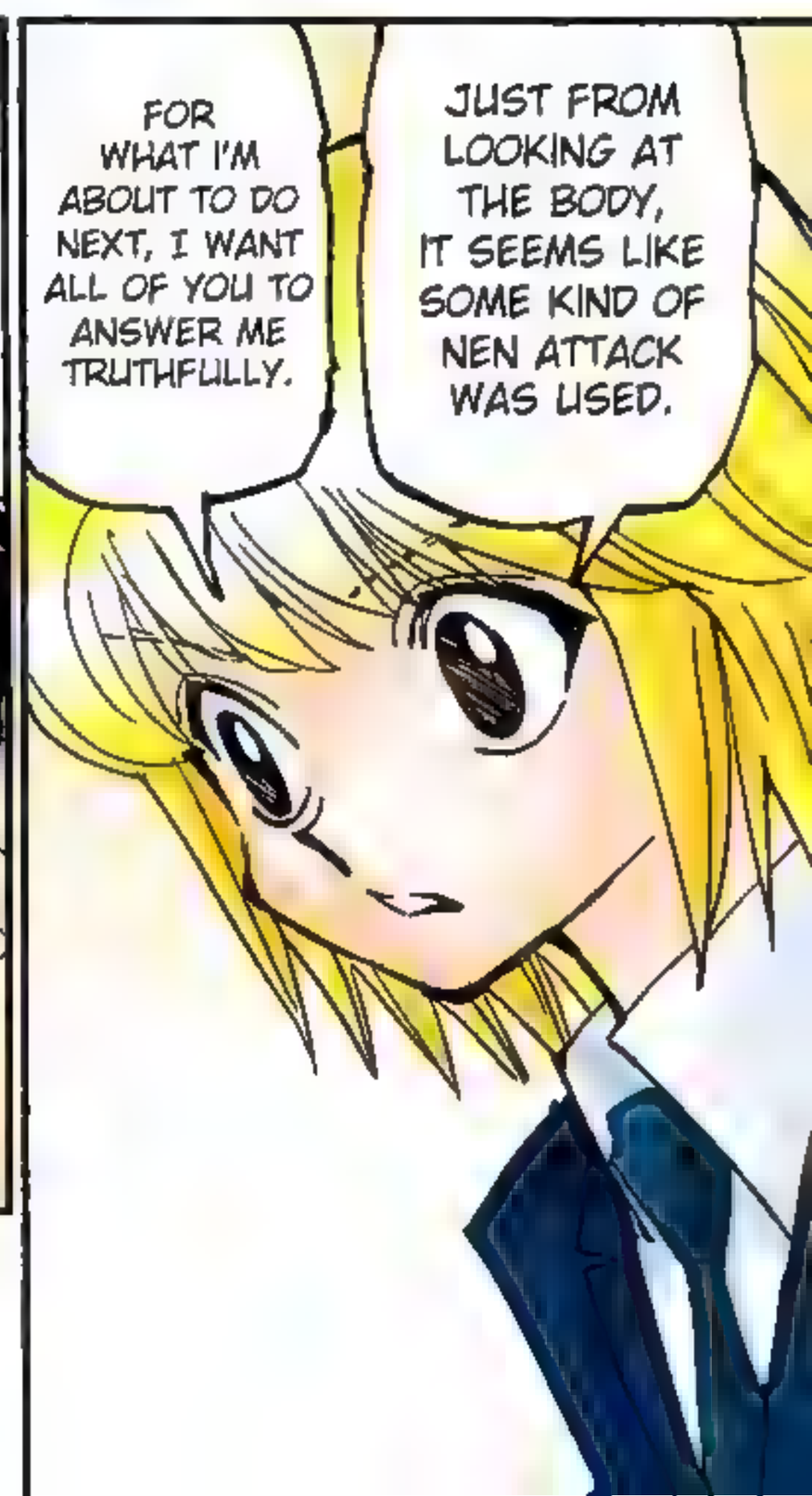
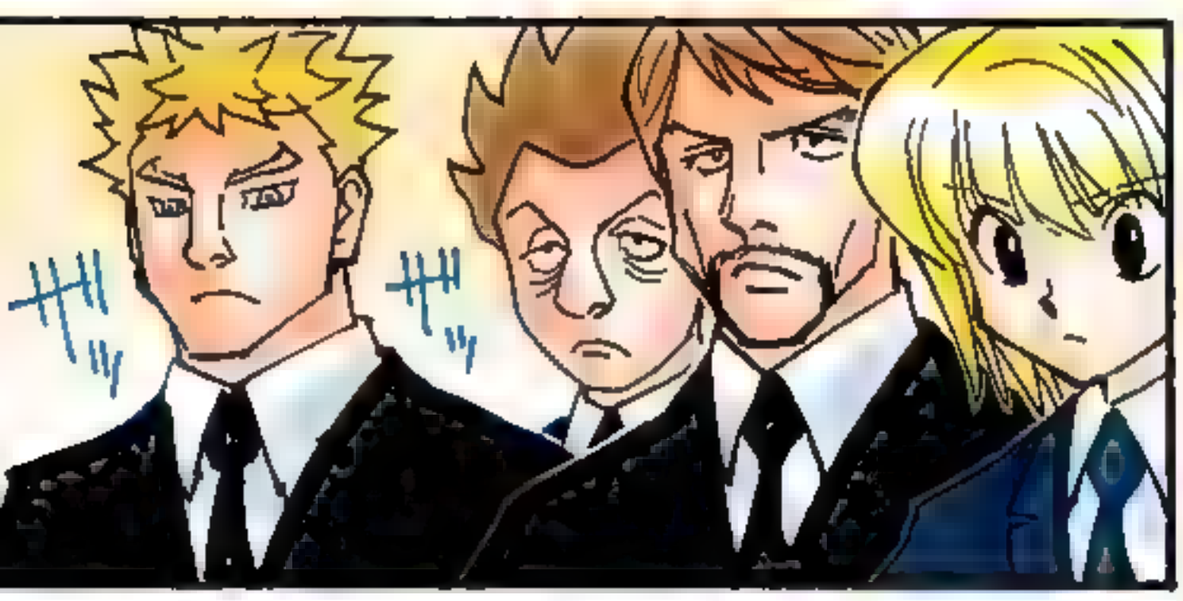

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING.
NEN...? IS THAT SOME KIND OF SUPER POWER?
ARE YOU SURE THIS ISN'T THE WORK OF SOME STRANGE CREATURE?

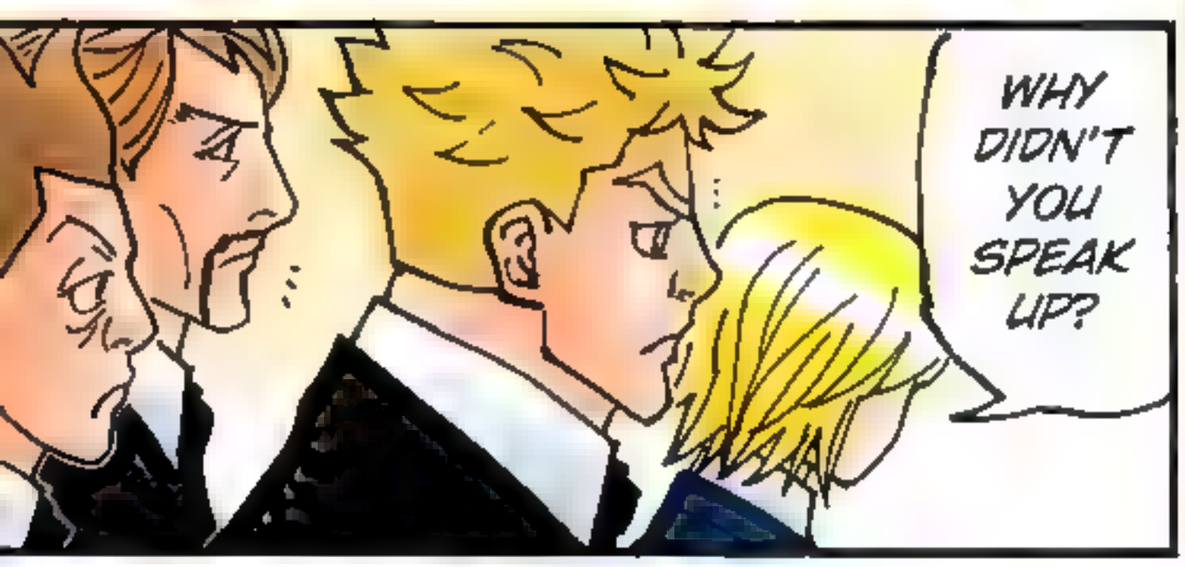

IF ANYONE OF YOU HERE CAN USE NEN, SPEAK UP NOW.
IT'S LIKELY THIS WAS DONE BY AN OUTSIDER WITH NEN ABILITIES.

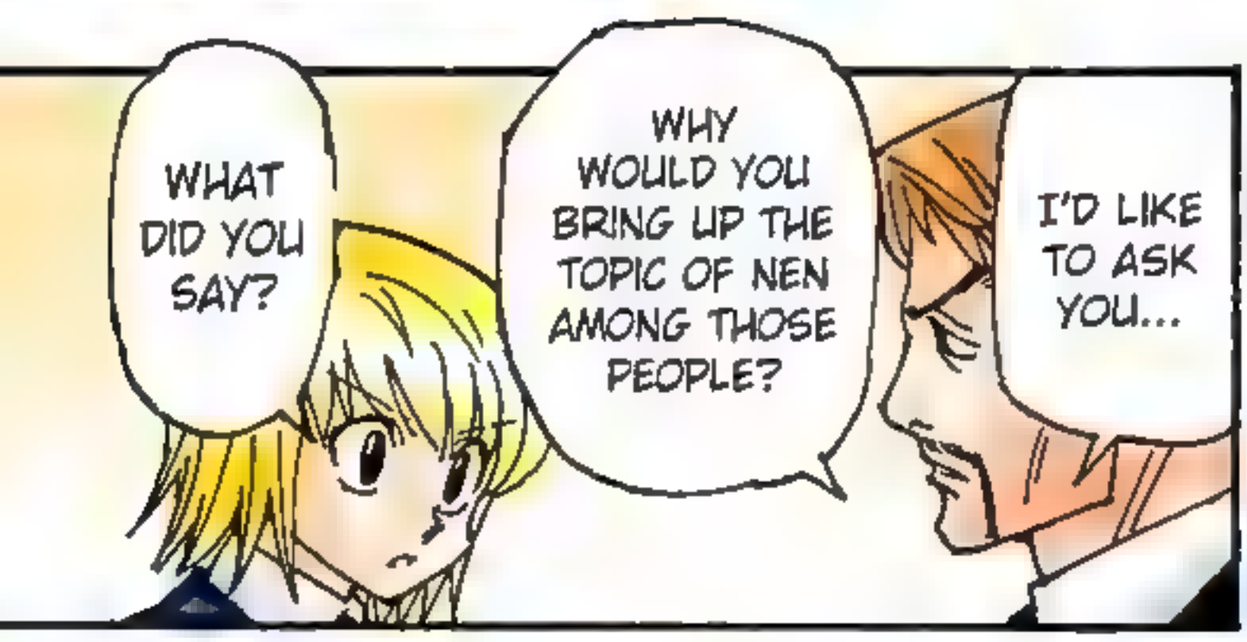

FOR WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO NEXT, I WANT ALL OF YOU TO ANSWER ME TRUTHFULLY.
JUST FROM LOOKING AT THE BODY, IT SEEMS LIKE SOME KIND OF NEN ATTACK WAS USED.

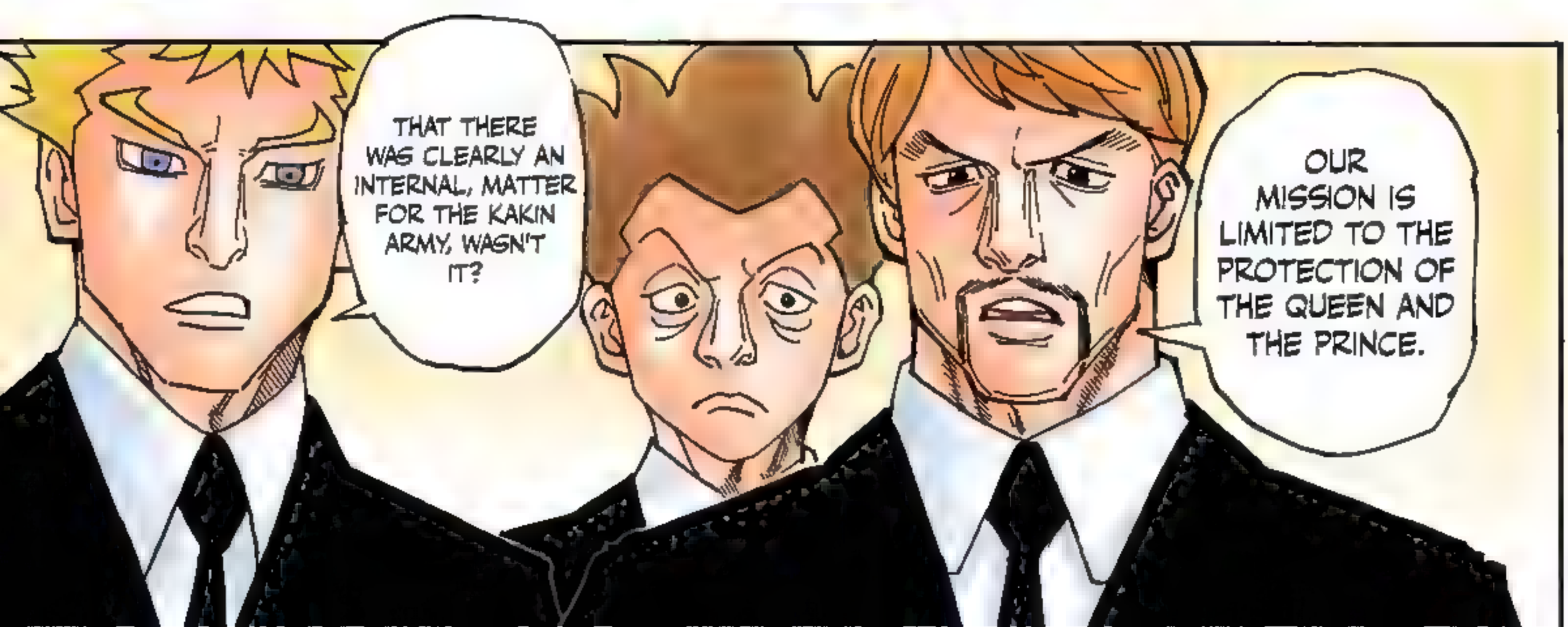
I CAN UNDERSTAND THE ROYAL GUARDS FEIGNING IGNORANCE, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE HUNTERS...! IF THEY WOULD JUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND SHOW A COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE, THE ROYALS WOULD ACT DIFFERENTLY...

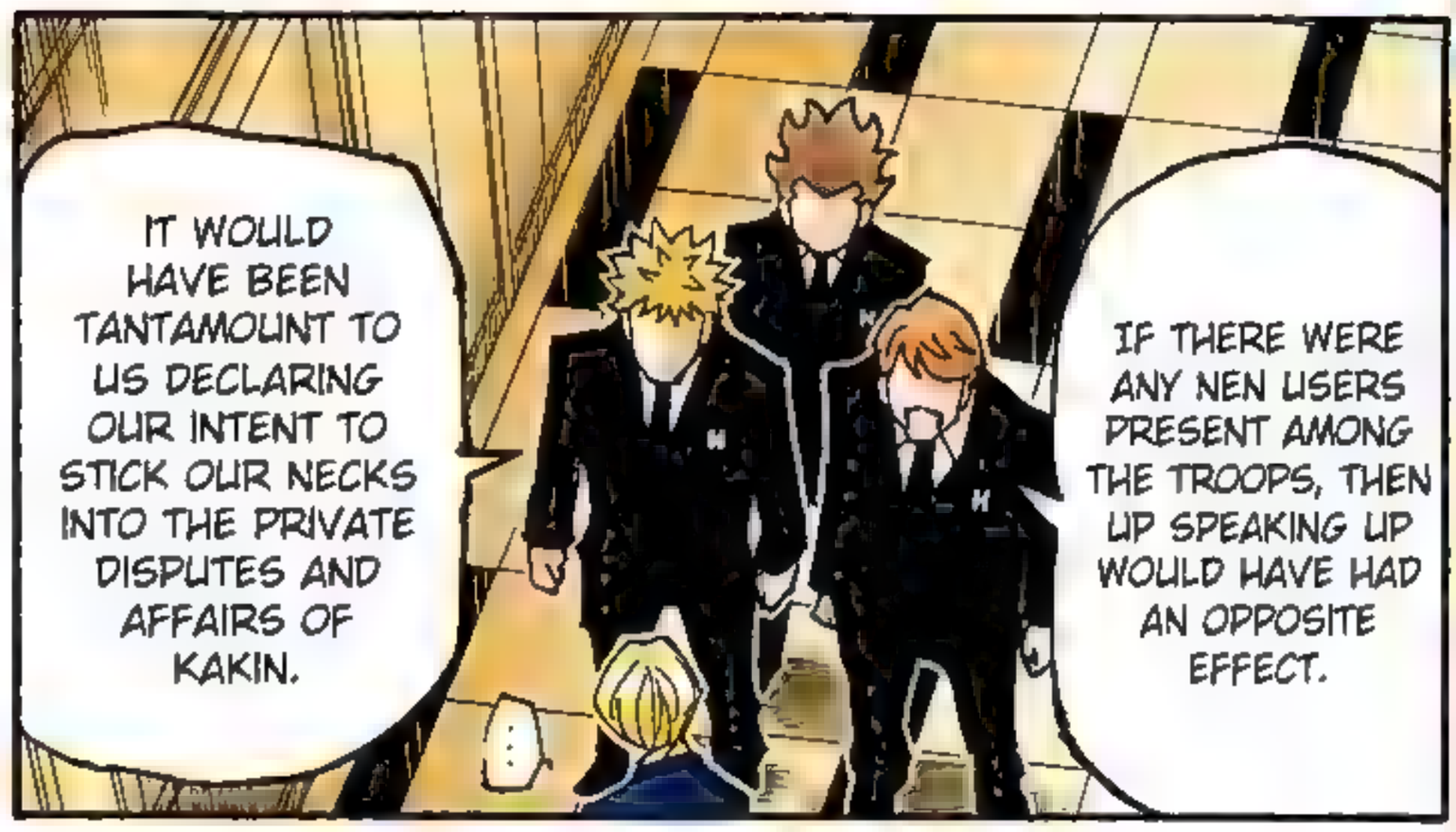
THE SITUATION IS EVEN WORSE THAM I'D THOUGHT... USING MY CHAINS HERE WOULD BE RISKY...










IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TANTAMOUNT TO US DECLARING OUR INTENT TO STICK OUR NECKS INTO THE PRIVATE DISPUTES AND AFFAIRS OF KAKIN.
IF THERE WERE ANY NEN USERS PRESENT AMONG THE TROOPS, THEN UP SPEAKING UP WOULD HAVE HAD AN OPPOSITE EFFECT.

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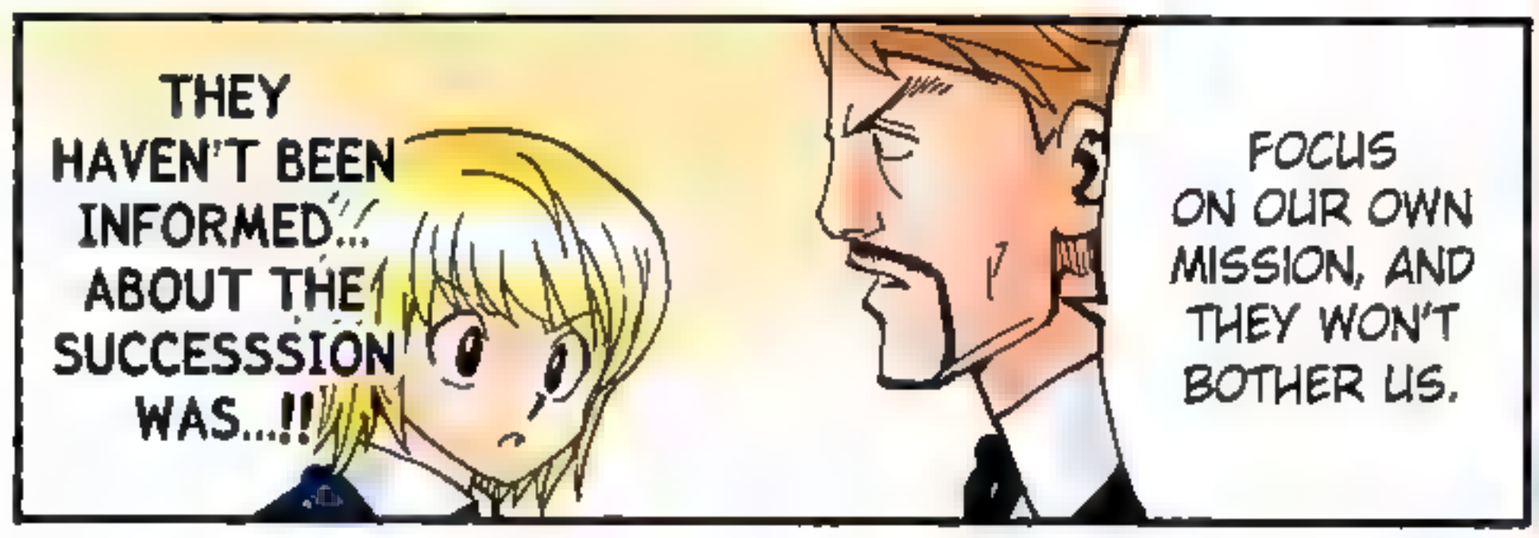
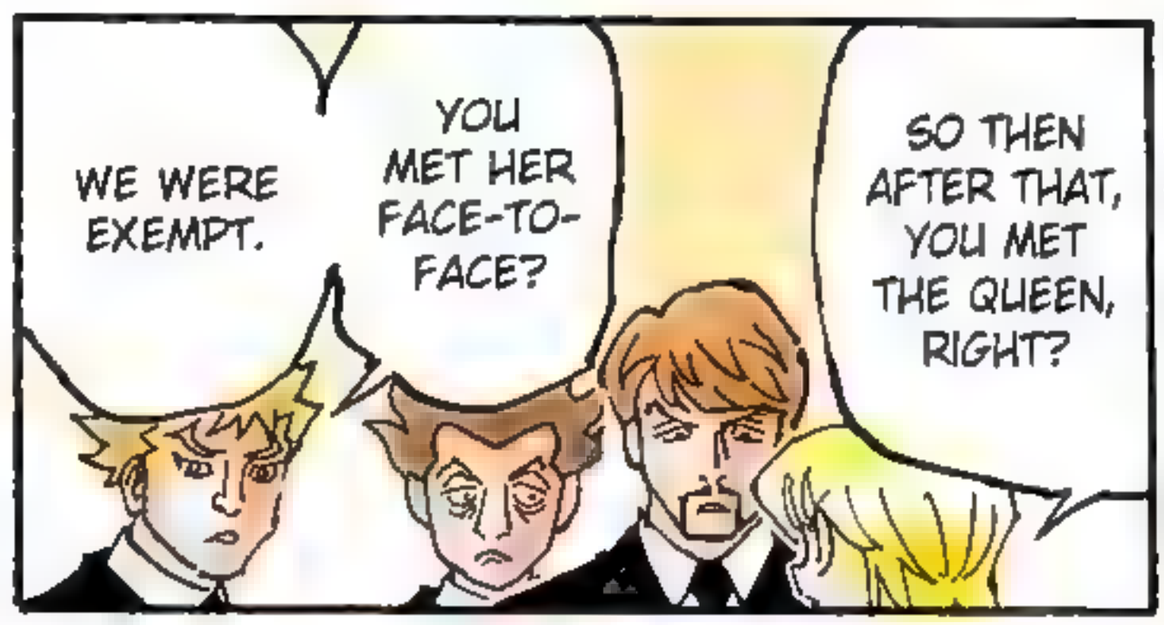
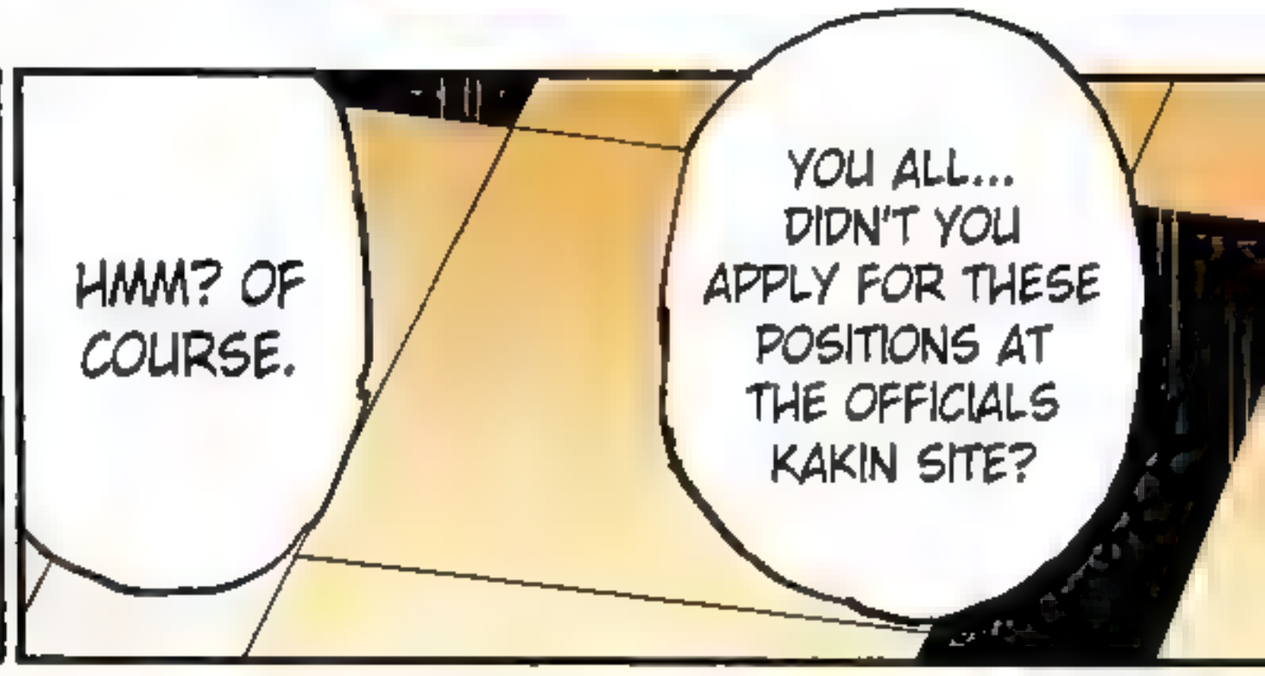
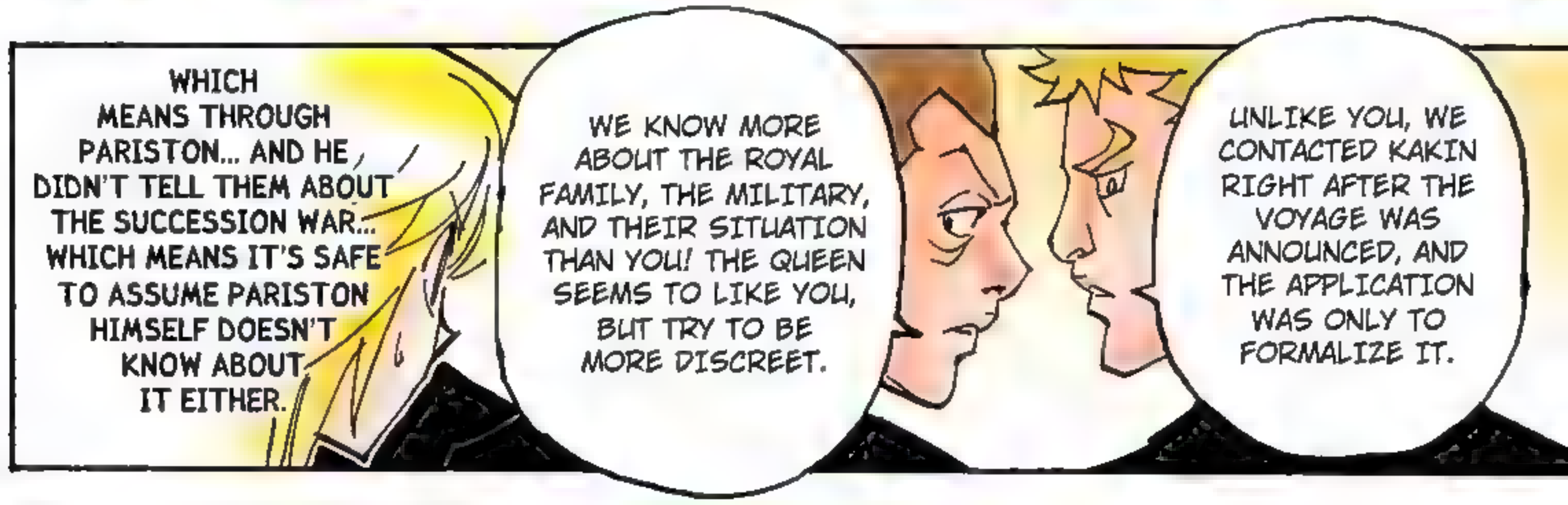
IT CAN'T BE...


THEY HAVEN'T BEEN INFORMED... ABOUT THE SUCCESSSION WAS...!!
FOCUS ON OUR OWN MISSION, AND THEY WON'T BOTHER US.

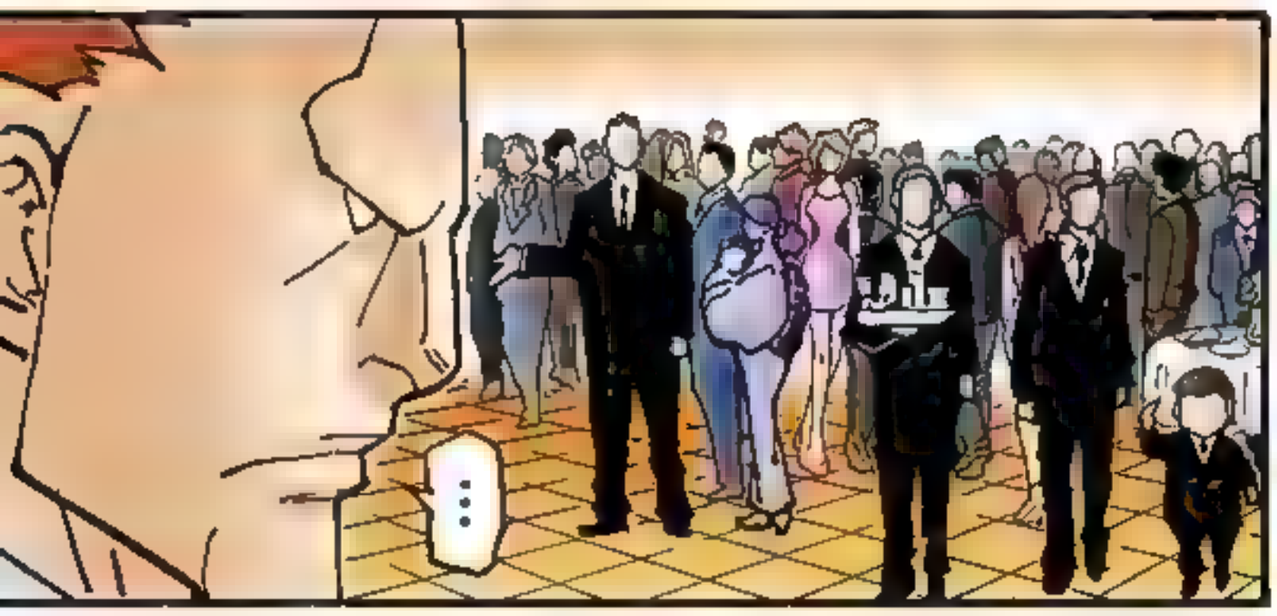

WE WERE EXEMPT.
YOU MET HER FACE-TO-FACE?
SO THEN AFTER THAT, YOU MET THE QUEEN, RIGHT?

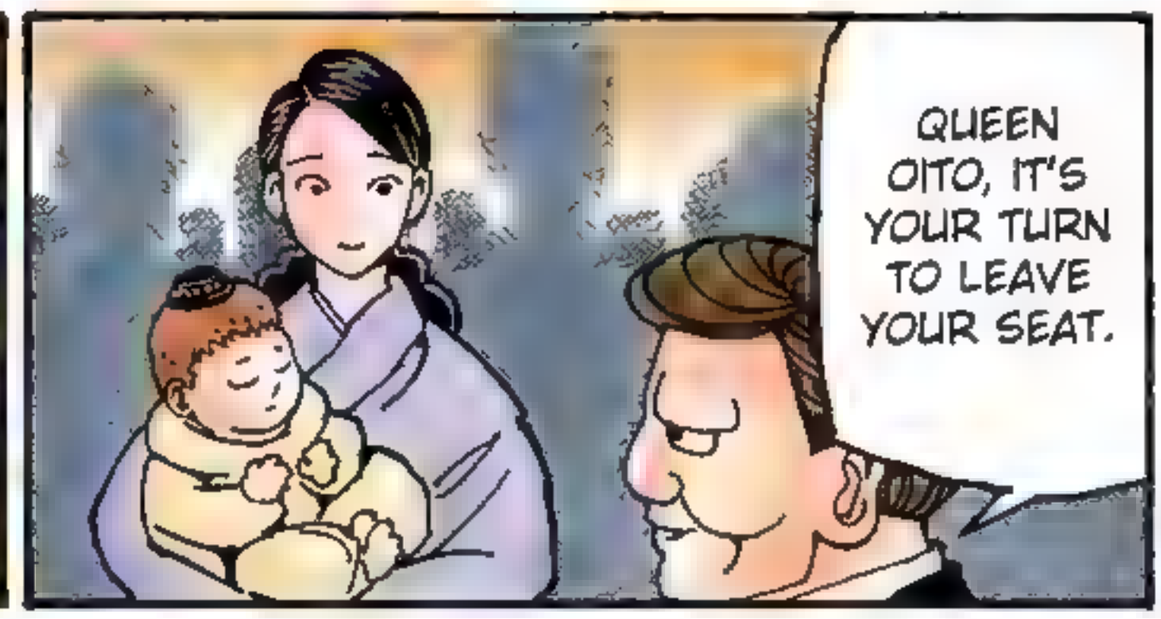

HMM? OF COURSE.
YOU ALL... DIDN'T YOU APPLY FOR THESE POSITIONS AT THE OFFICIALS KAKIN SITE?


WHICH MEANS THROUGH PARISTON... AND HE DIDN'T TELL THEM ABOUT THE SUCCESSION WAR... WHICH MEANS IT'S SAFE TO ASSUME PARISTON HIMSELF DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT IT EITHER.
WE KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ROYAL FAMILY, THE MILITARY, AND THEIR SITUATION THAN YOU! THE QUEEN SEEMS TO LIKE YOU, BUT TRY TO BE MORE DISCREET.
UNLIKE YOU, WE CONTACTED KAKIN RIGHT AFTER THE VOYAGE WAS ANNOUNCED, AND THE APPLICATION WAS ONLY TO FORMALIZE IT.

IS ME...!
SO THEN THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT THE WHOLE SITUATION THAT'S BEEN RECRUITED HERE...

DECK 1 - CEREMONY HALL





THEY WILL BE MET WITH EXECUTION!!

AND IF ANY OF THE OTHER PRINCES SHOULD WIND UP GETTING KILLED...

WELL, I CAN THINK OF THAT AS MY OWN GOOD LUCK!!

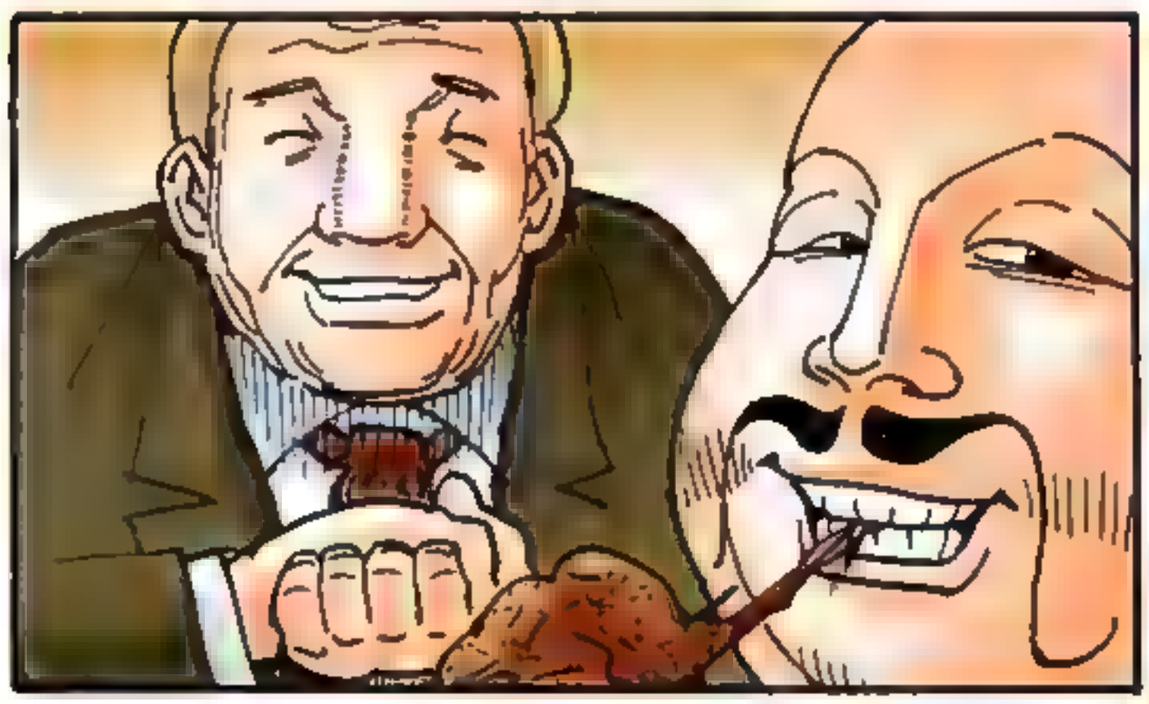
ALTHOUGH THE KING AND THE ROYAL GUARD IS WATCHING OVER THIS... THEY REALLY ARE UNDERESTI-MATING ME.

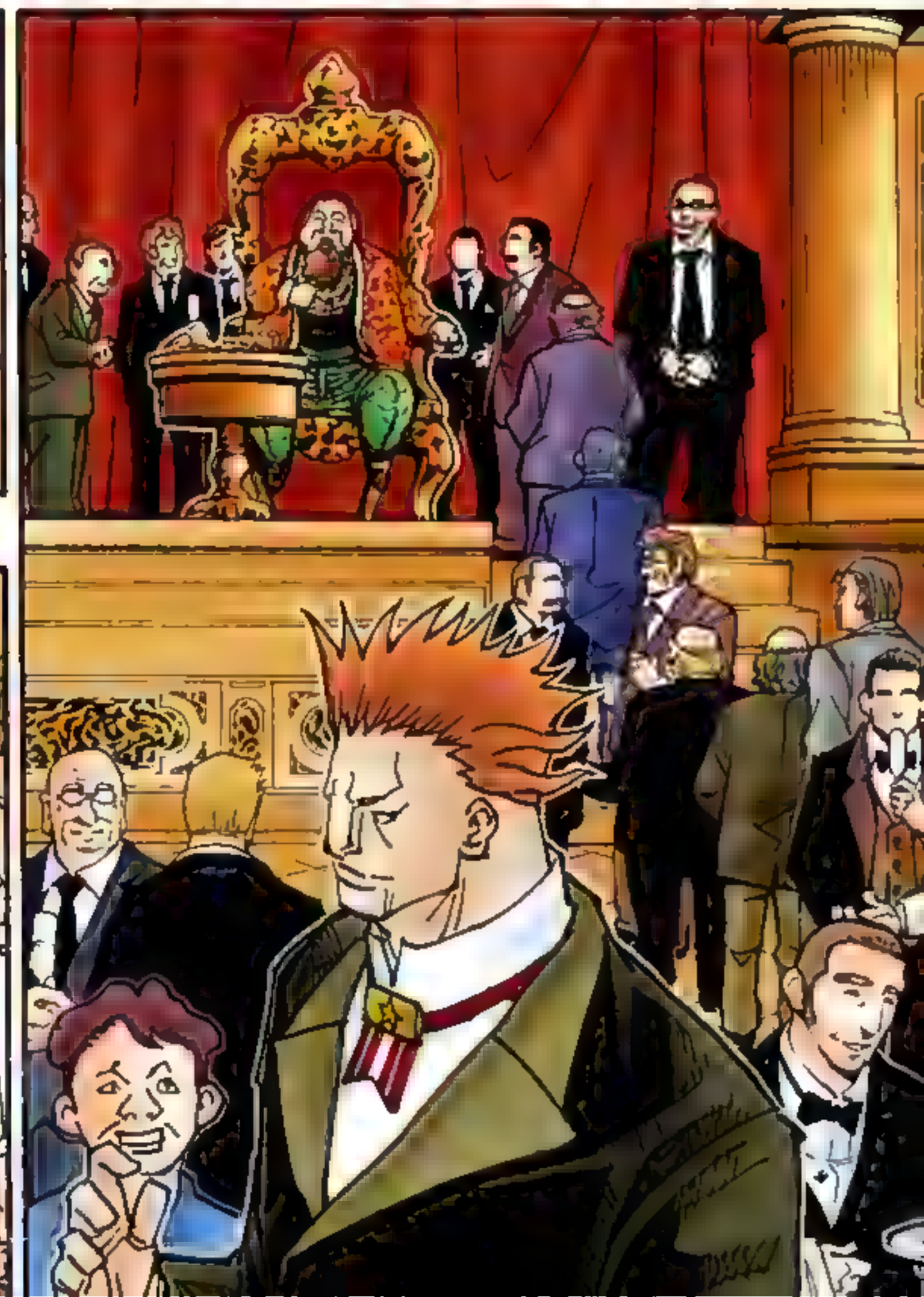
SO EVERYONE'S PARTICIPATING IN THIS DEPARTURE CEREMONY...? WHICH MEANS IT'LL BE A 14-MAN BATTLE ROYALE...

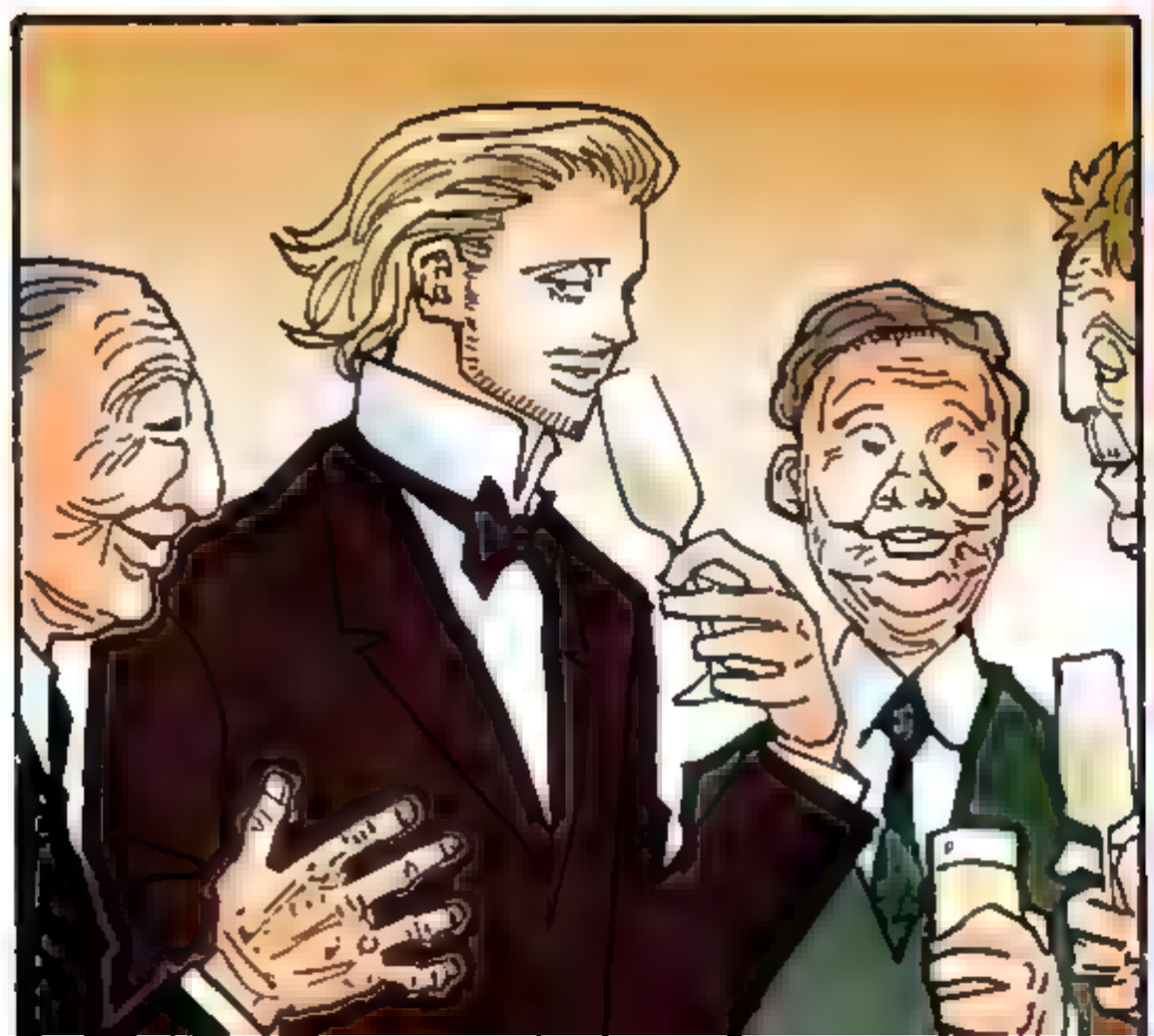
IT WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY FOOLISH FOR ANY-ONE TO TRY AND GET ME...THE FIRST PRINCE, OUT OF THE WAY TO BECOME KING.

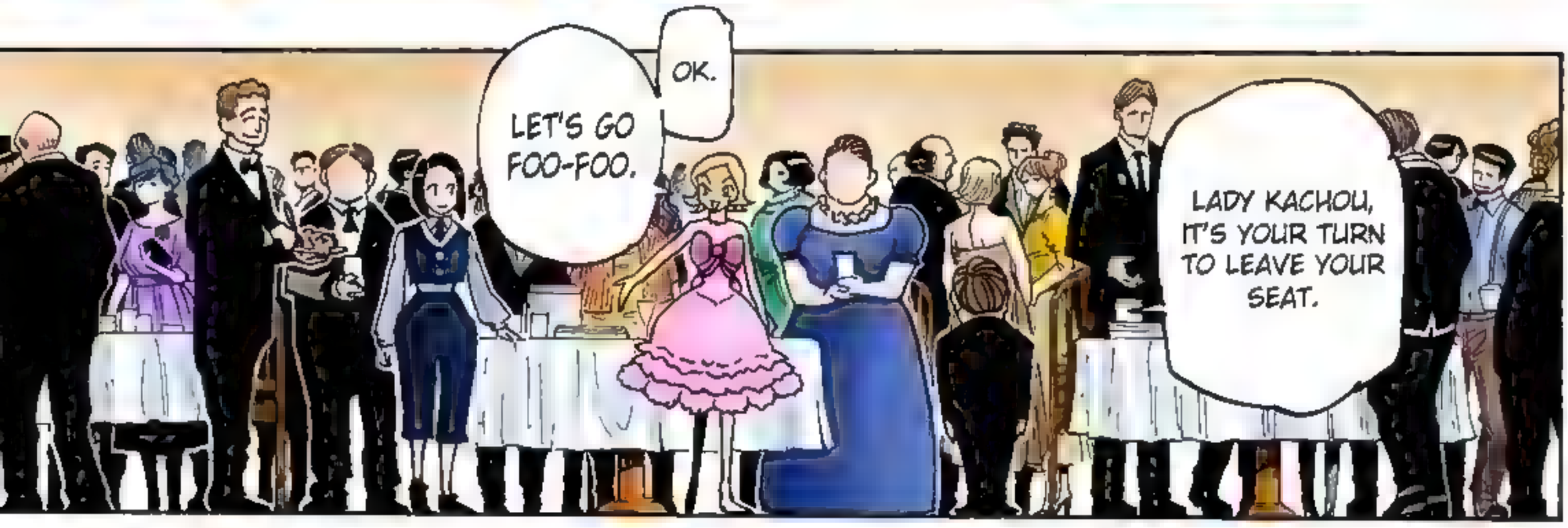
...BE KILLED OFF SO EASILY...!!!

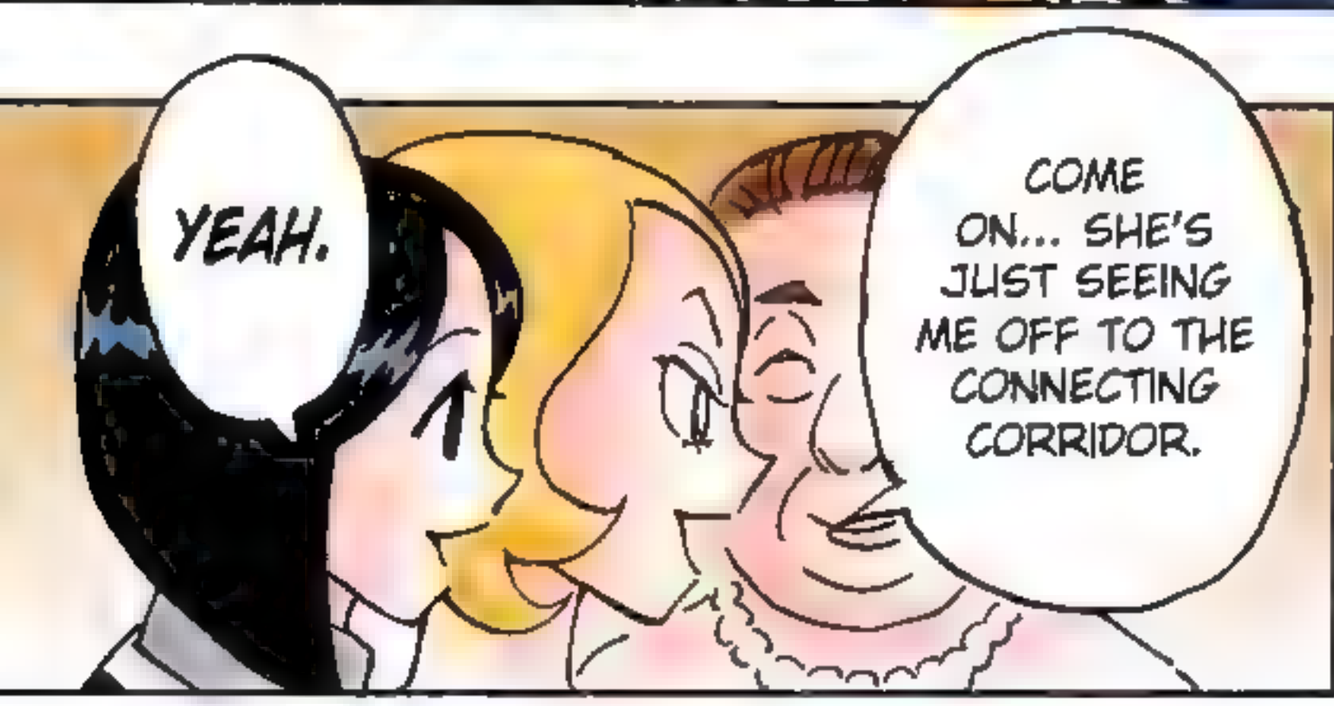
I WILL NOT...

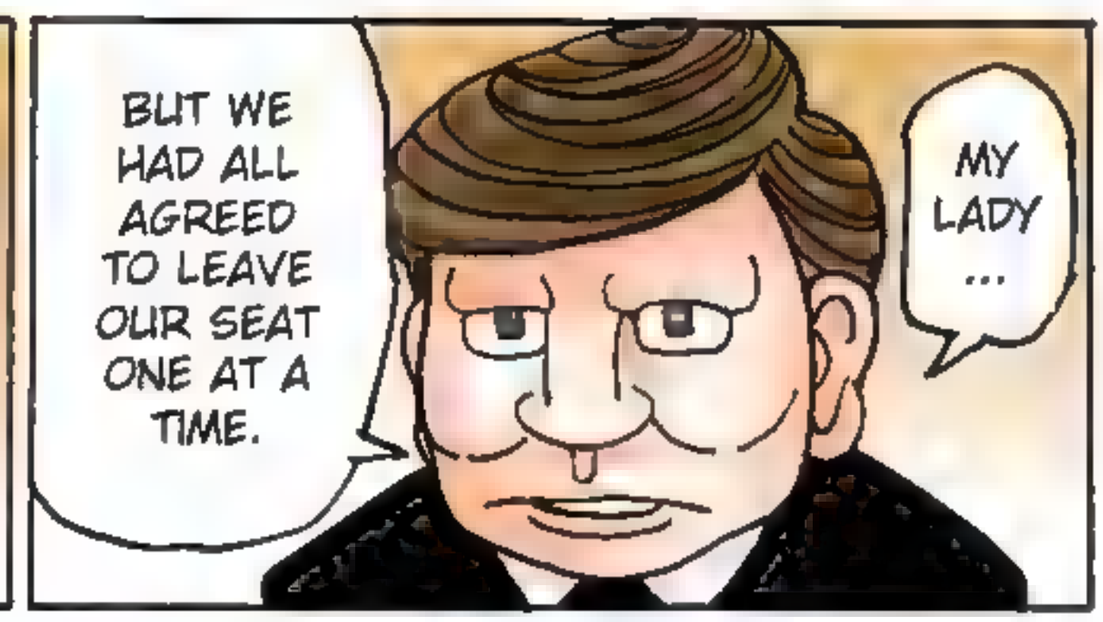


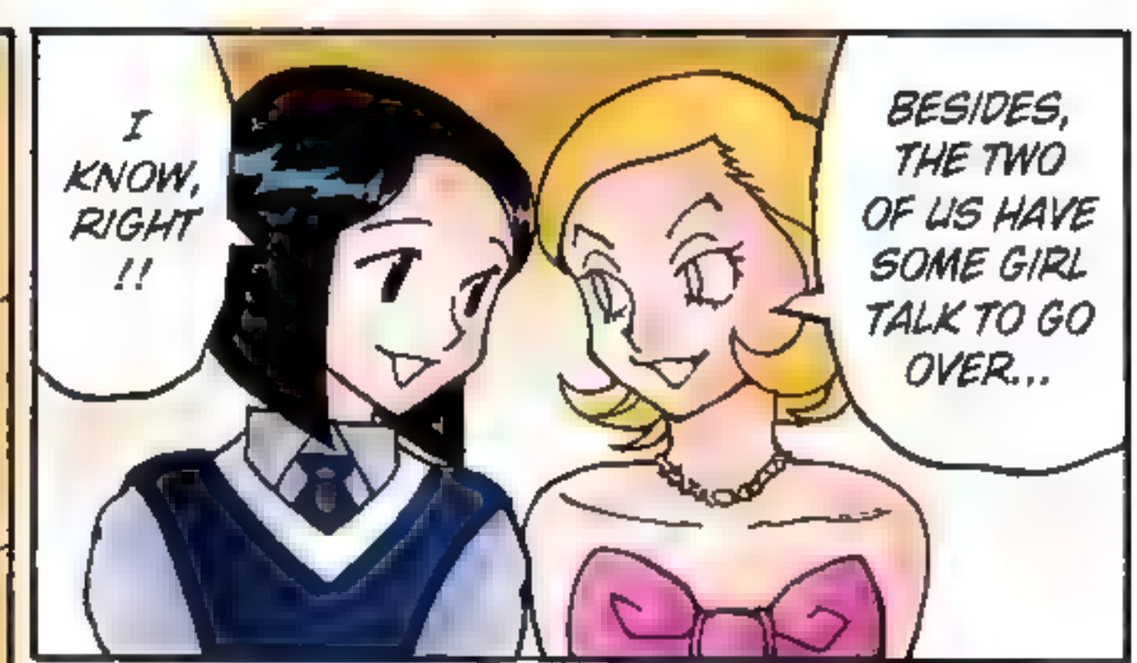


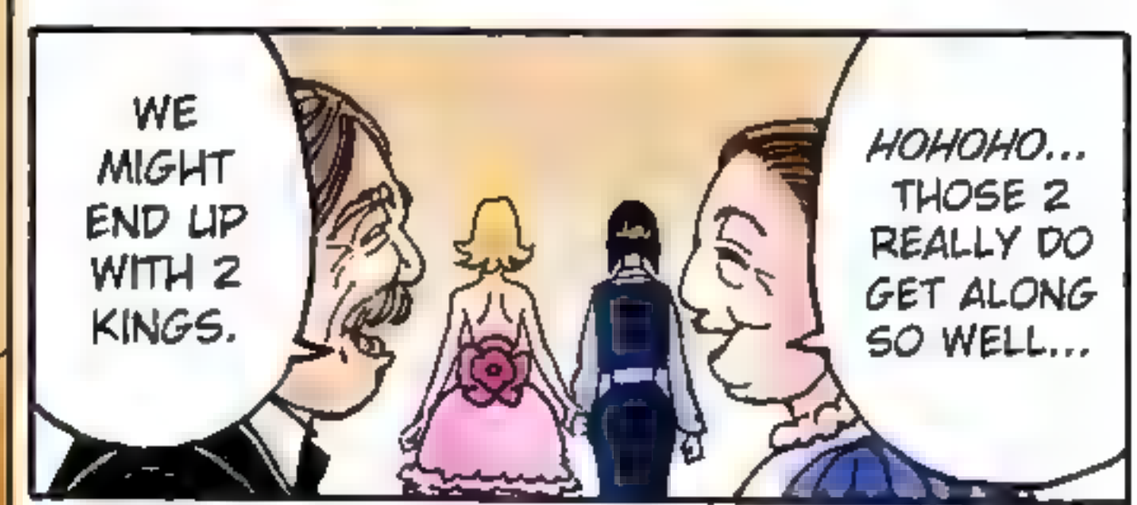


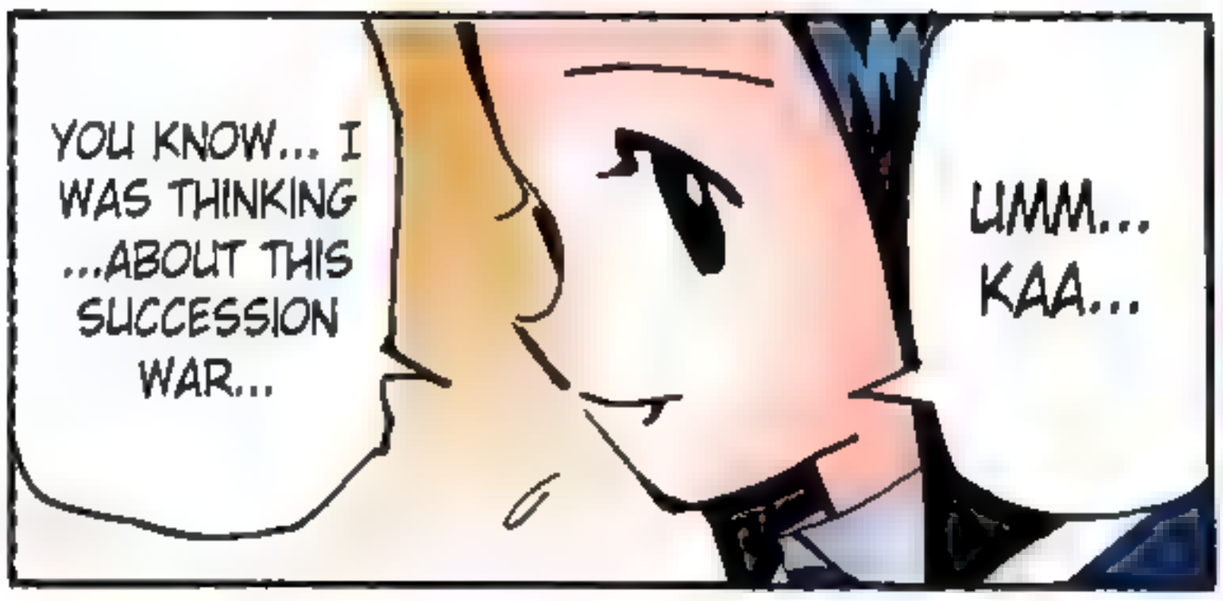

LET'S GO FOO-FOO.
OK.
LADY KACHOU, IT'S YOUR TURN TO LEAVE YOUR SEAT.

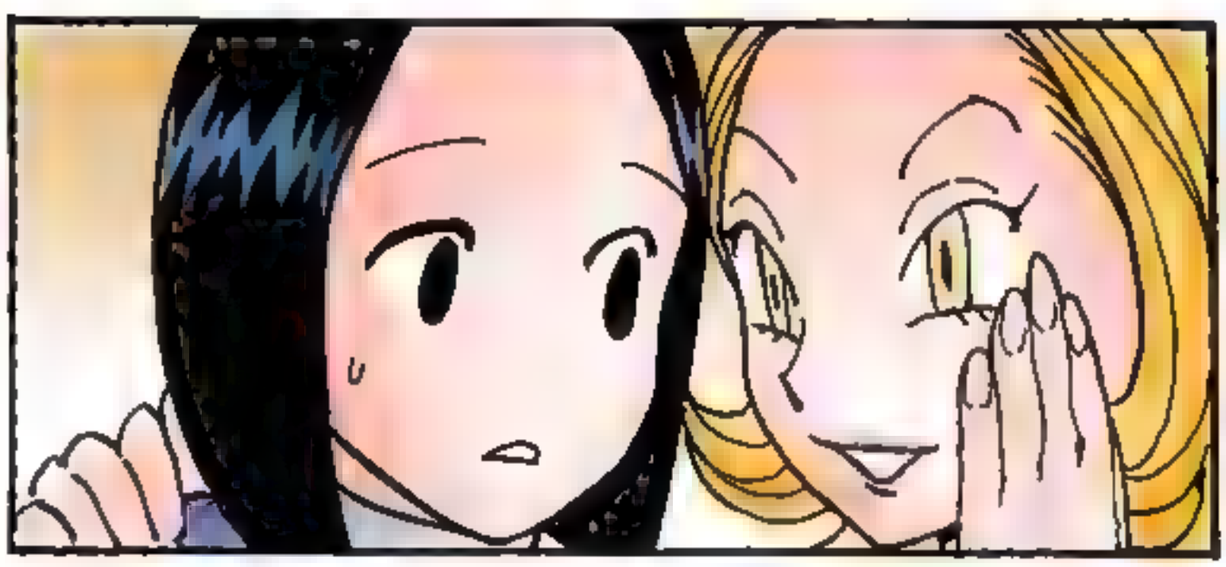

YEAH.
COME ON... SHE'S JUST SEEING ME OFF TO THE CONNECTING CORRIDOR.

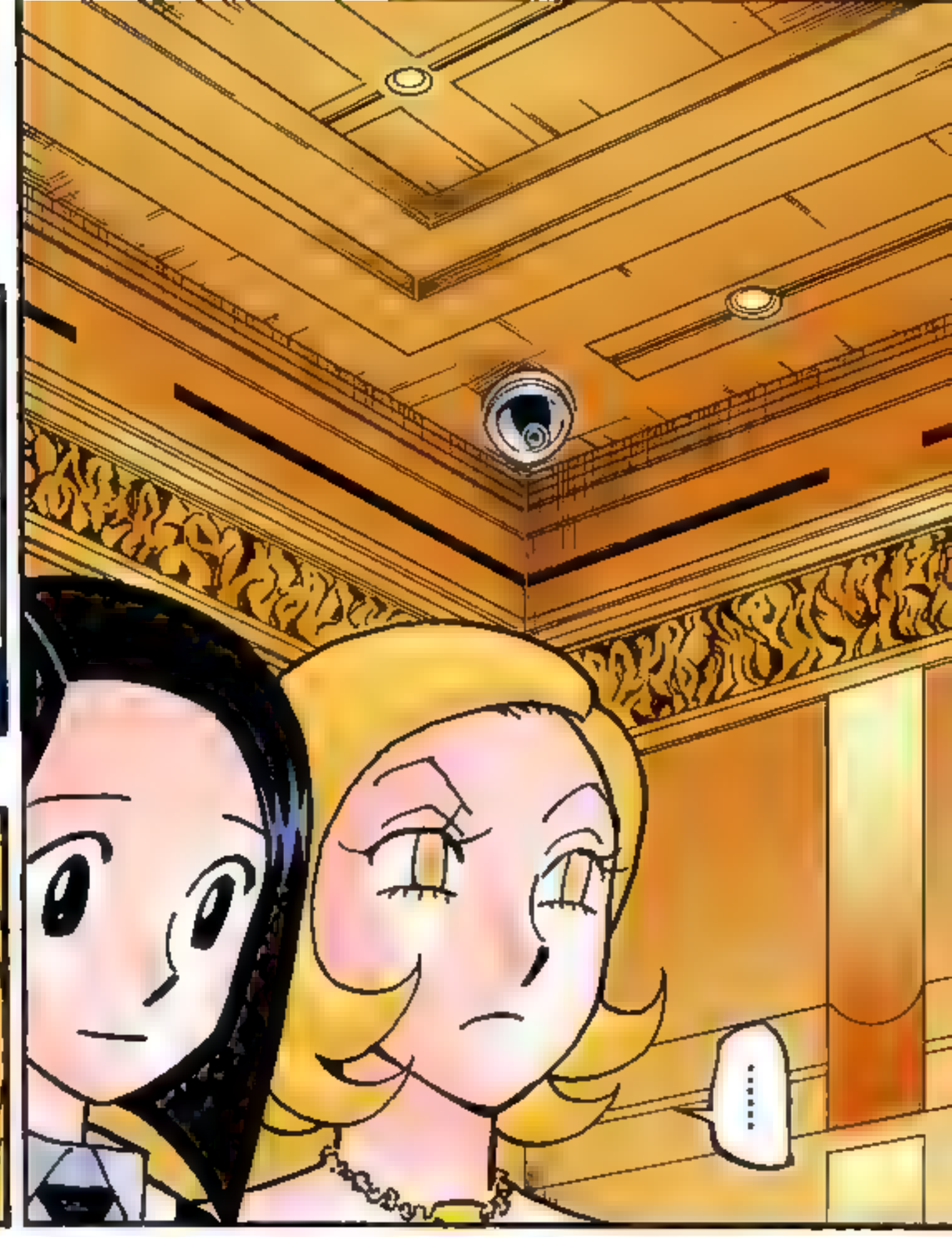

BUT WE HAD ALL AGREED TO LEAVE OUR SEAT ONE AT A TIME.
MY LADY ...


I KNOW, RIGHT !!
BESIDES, THE TWO OF US HAVE SOME GIRL TALK TO GO OVER...


WE MIGHT END UP WITH 2 KINGS.
HOHOHO... THOSE 2 REALLY DO GET ALONG SO WELL...


YOU KNOW... I WAS THINKING ...ABOUT THIS SUCCESSION WAR...
UMM... KAA...

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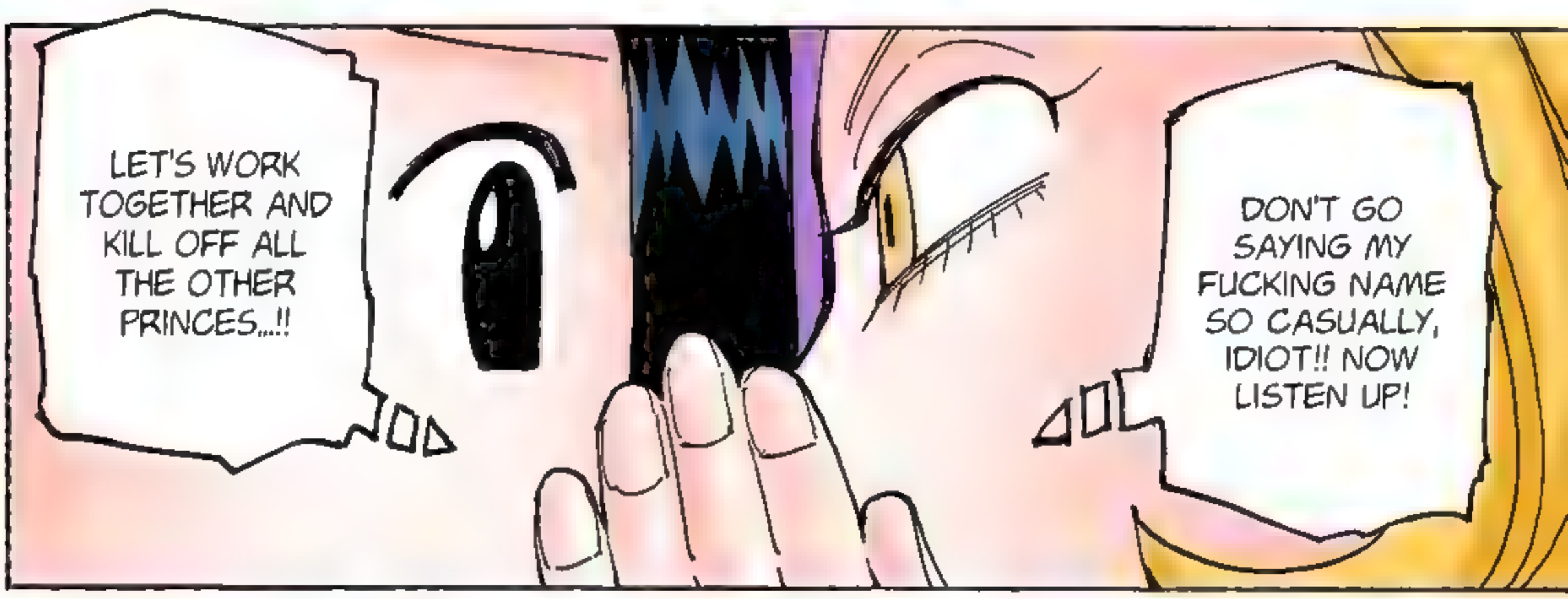
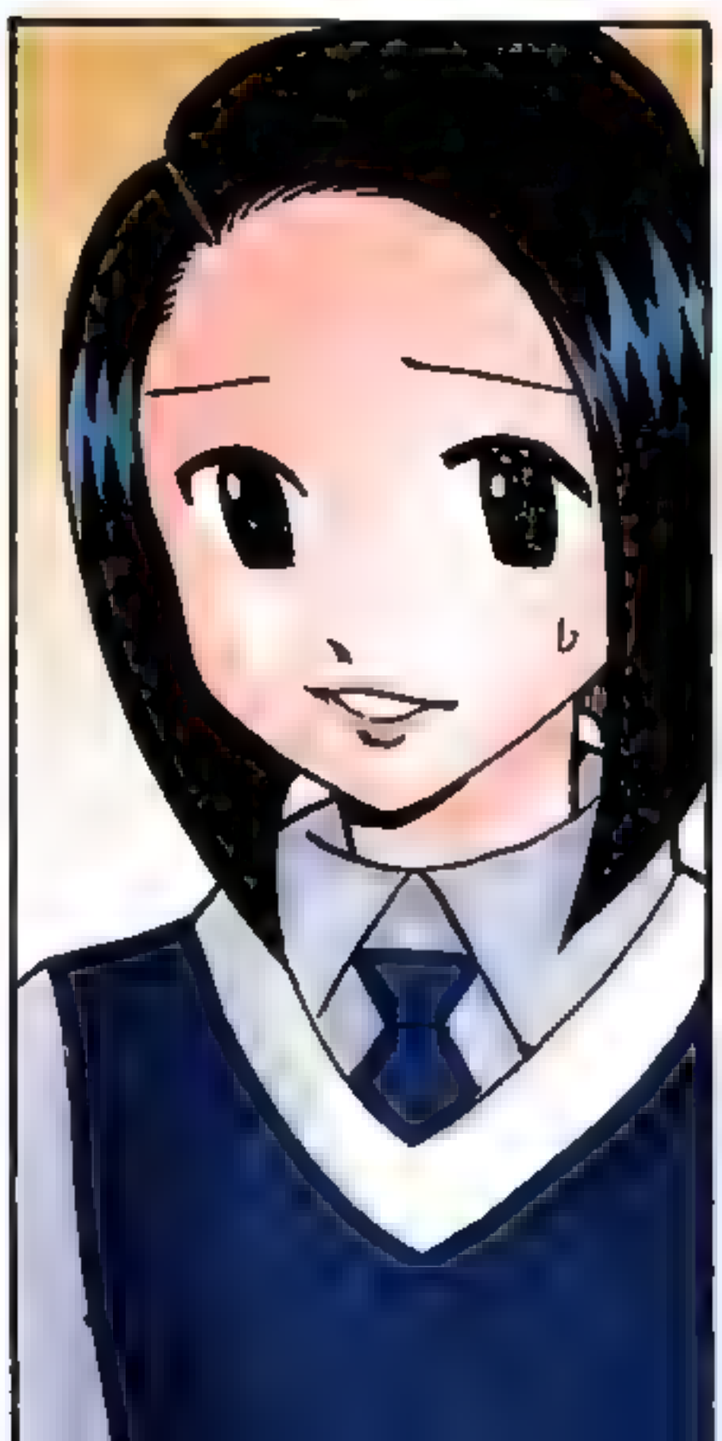
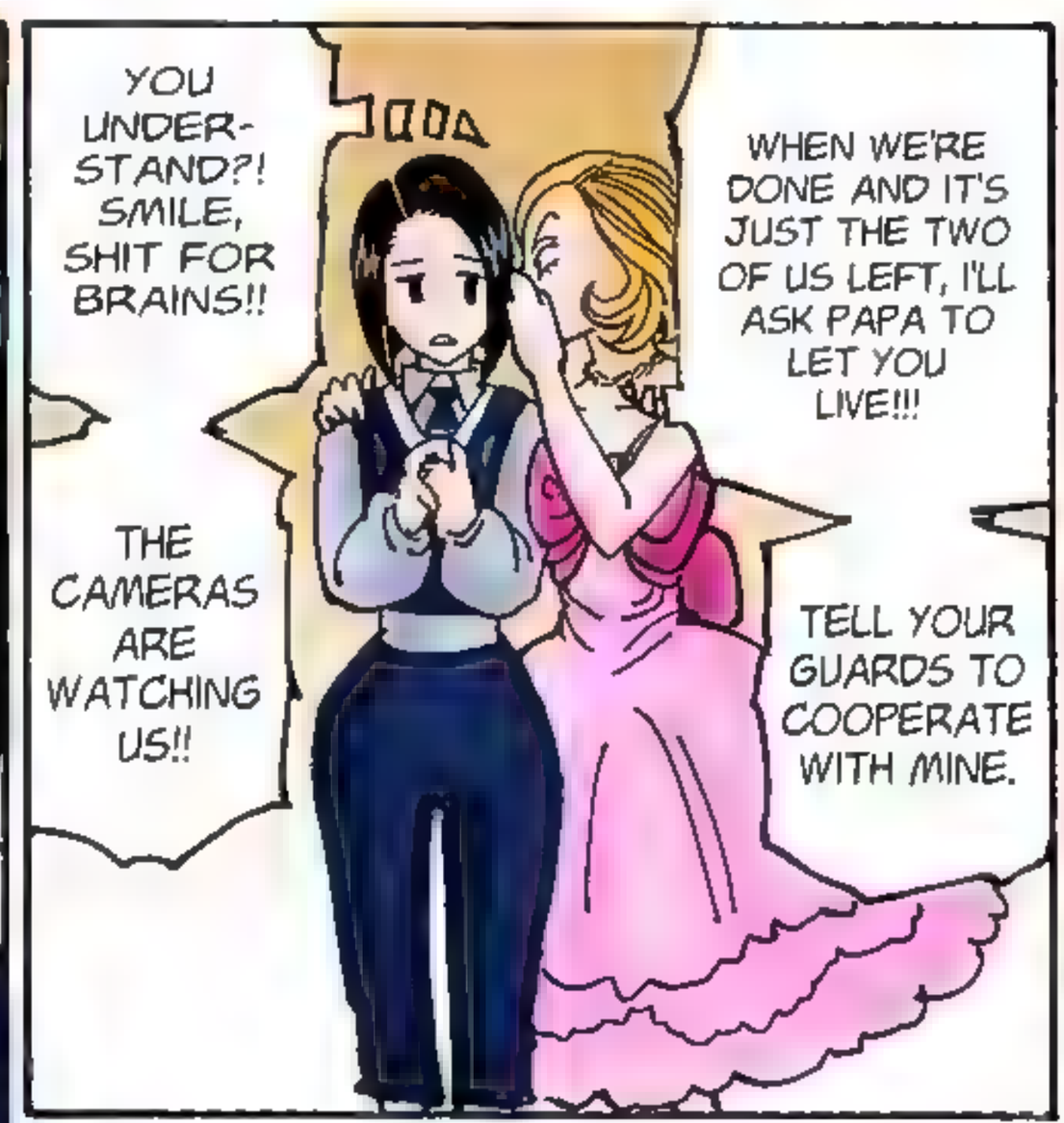
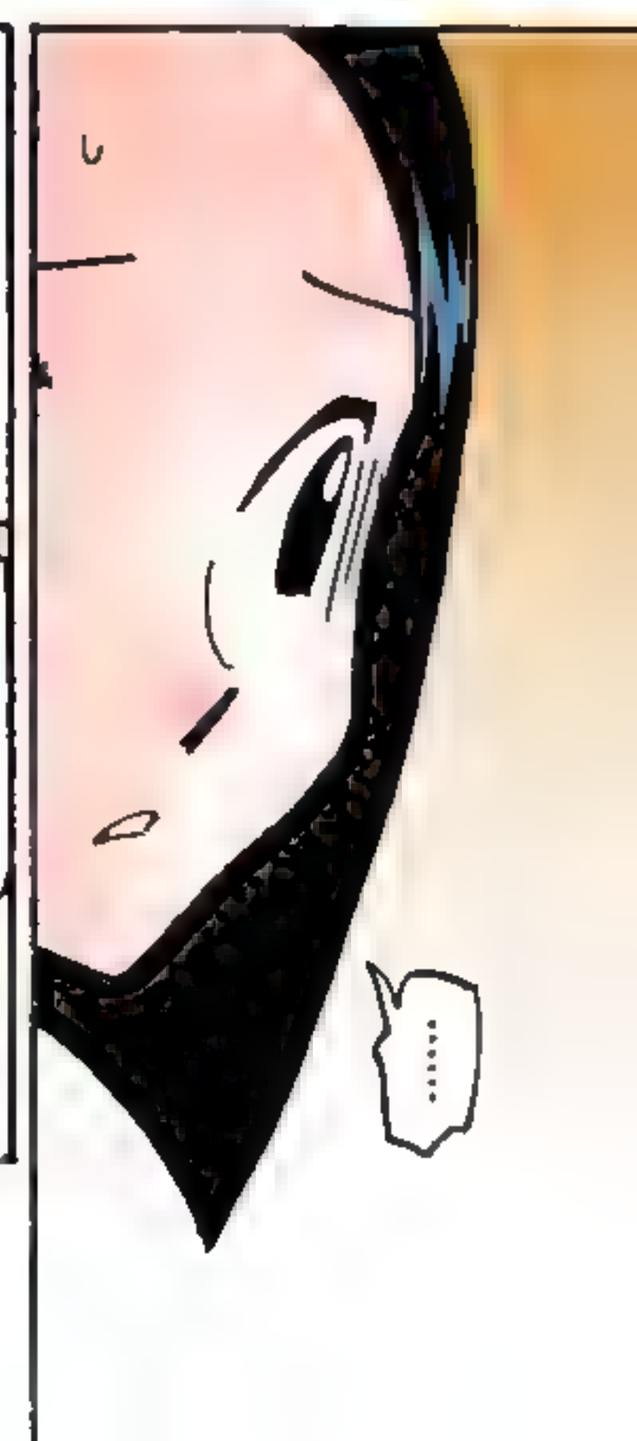

LET'S WORK TOGETHER AND KILL OFF ALL THE OTHER PRINCES...!!
DON'T GO SAYING MY FUCKING NAME SO CASUALLY, IDIOT!! NOW LISTEN UP!




YOU UNDER-STAND?! SMILE, SHIT FOR BRAINS!!
THE CAMERAS ARE WATCHING US!!
WHEN WE'RE DONE AND IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US LEFT, I'LL ASK PAPA TO LET YOU LIVE!!!
TELL YOUR GUARDS TO COOPERATE WITH MINE.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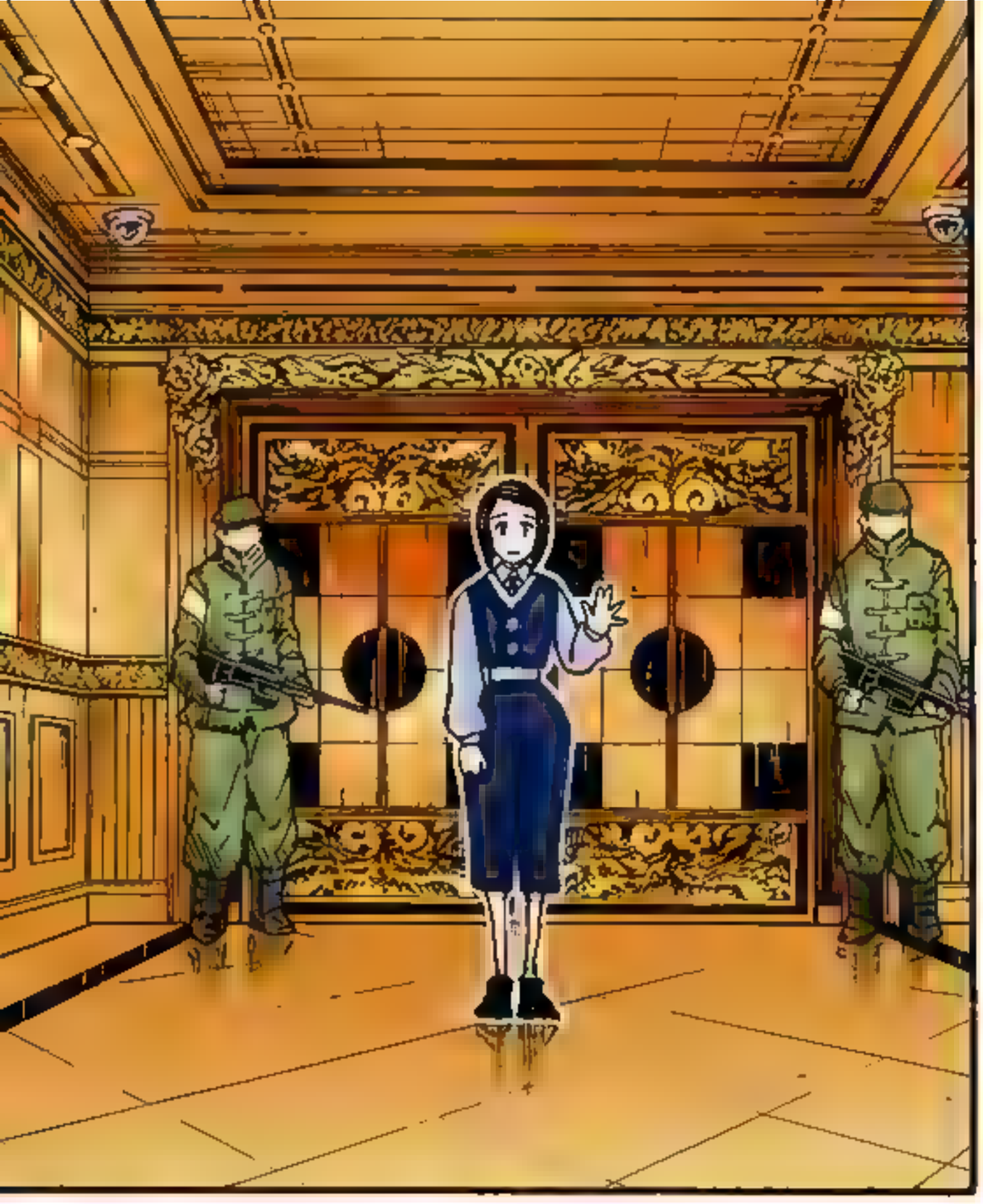
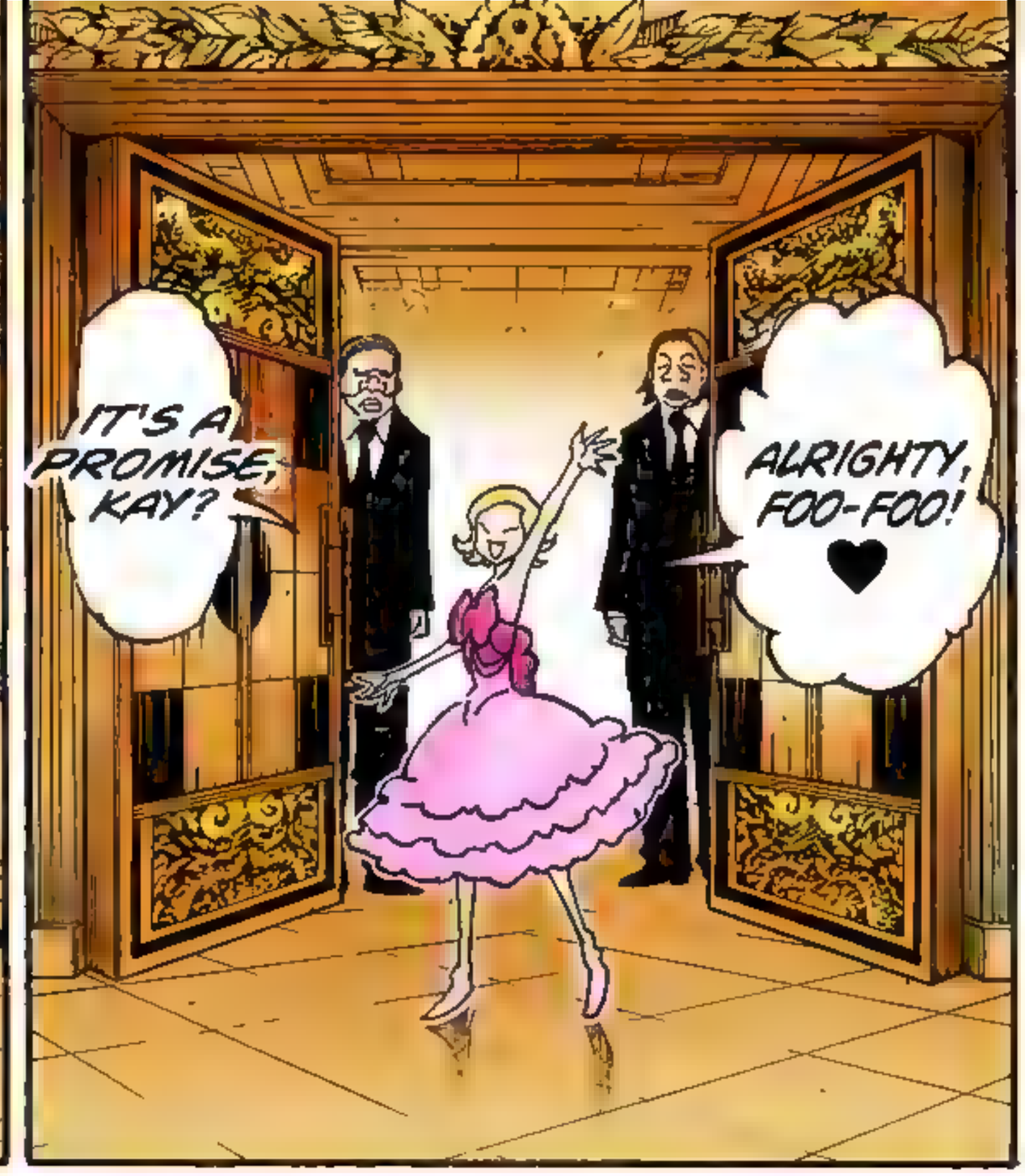
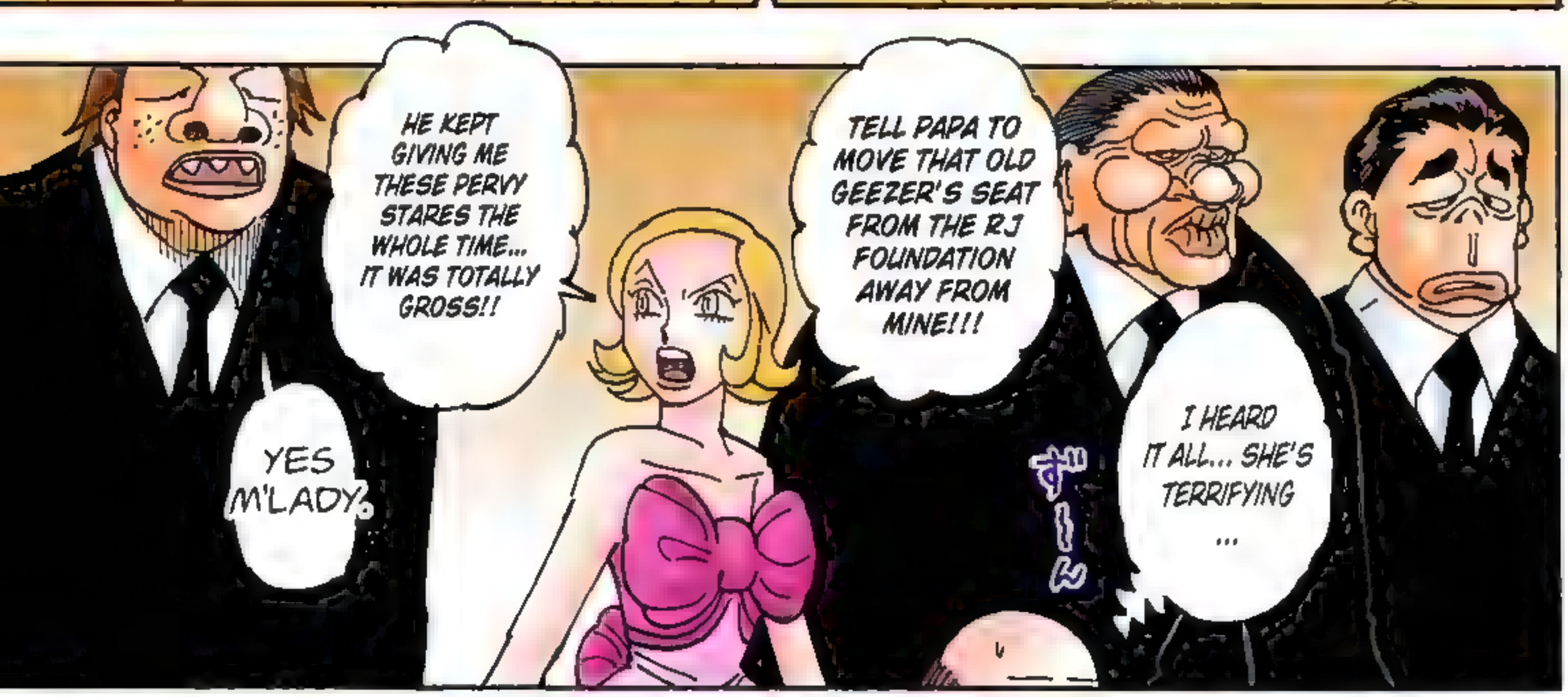
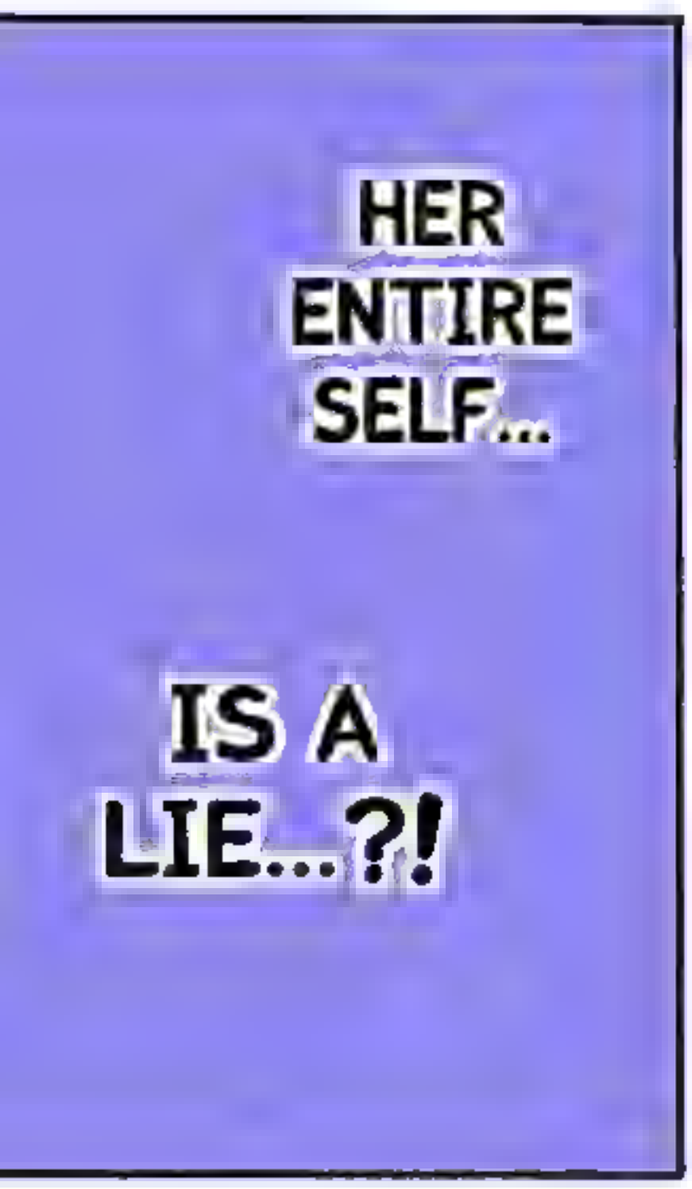
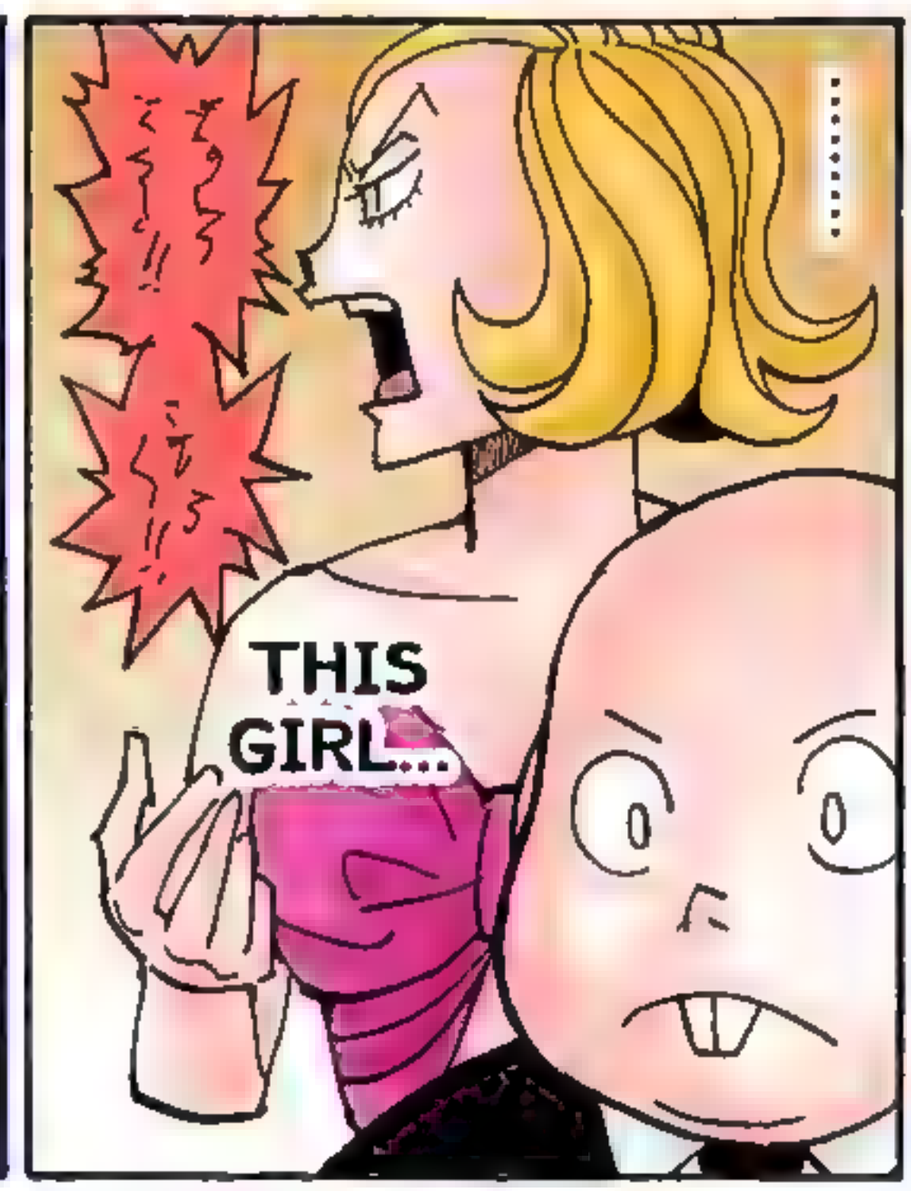
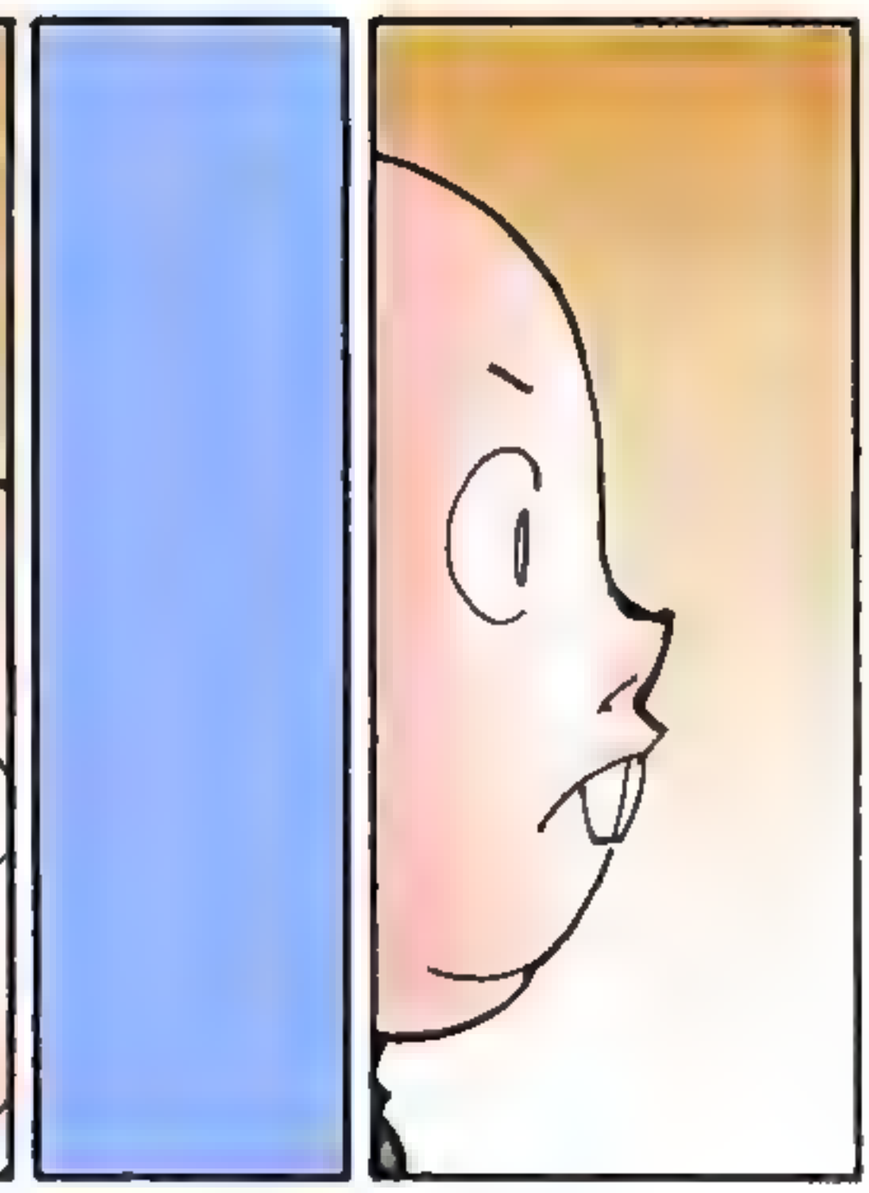



IT'S A PROMISE, KAY?
ALRIGHTY, FOO-FOO!


HE KEPT GIVING ME THESE PERVY STARES THE WHOLE TIME... IT WAS TOTALLY GROSS!!
YES M'LADY.
TELL PAPA TO MOVE THAT OLD GEEZER'S SEAT FROM THE RJ FOUNDATION AWAY FROM MINE!!!
I HEARD IT ALL... SHE'S TERRIFYING ...


HER ENTIRE SELF...
IS A LIE...?!


THIS GIRL...

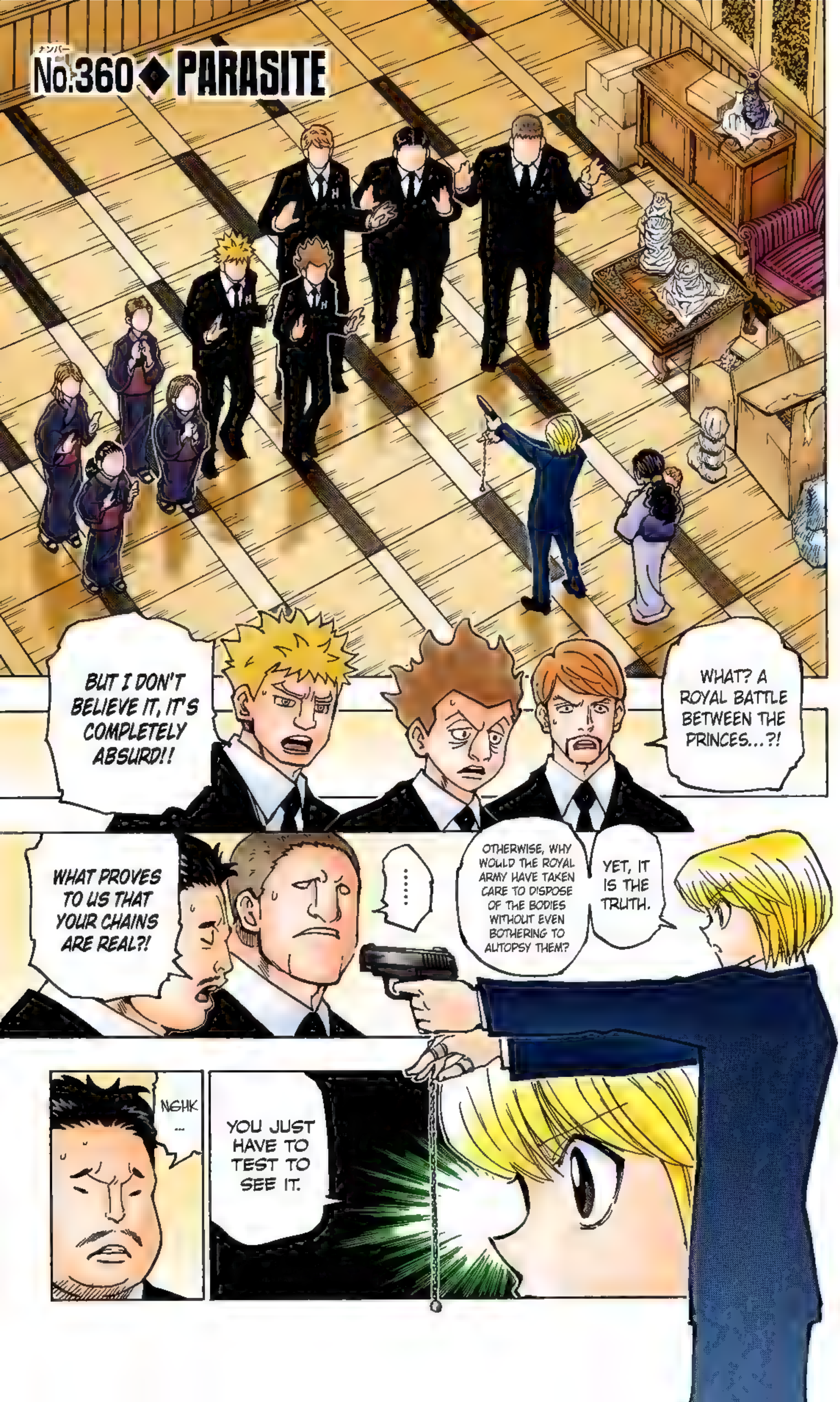


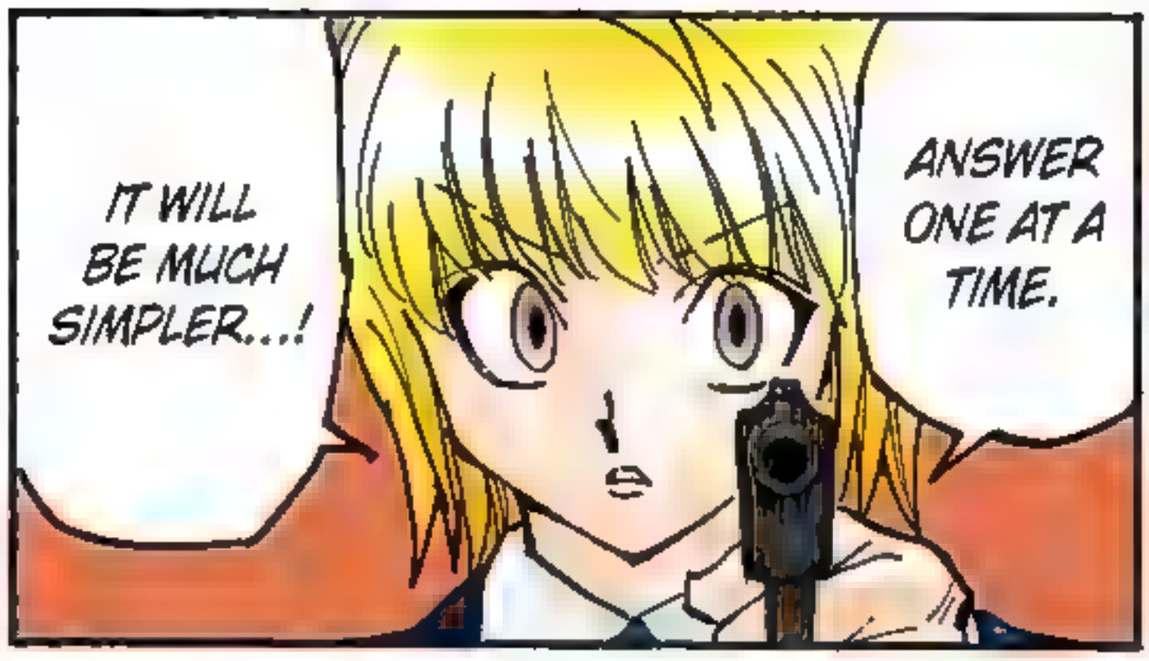
IT WAS THEIR SCHEDULED REPORT TIME 15 MINUTES AGO!! I DIDN'T SEE THEM, BUT THEY REPORTED NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.
I DON'T KNOW! WE ALL HAD OUR OWN PREPARATION RESPONSIBILI-TIES TO SEE TO!!!
WHO WAS THE LAST ONE TO SEE THEM?
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED HERE!!

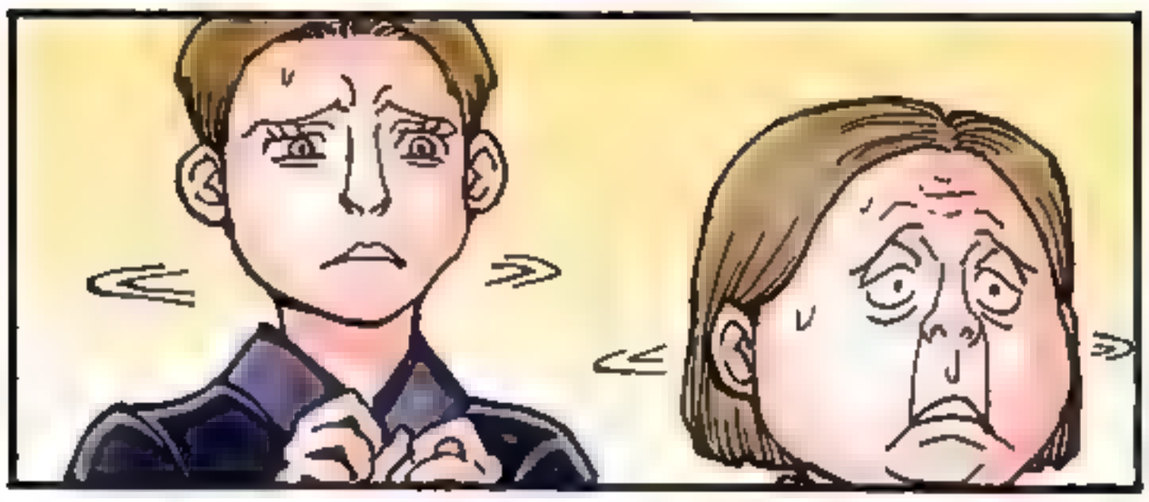
AND THEN I'M GONNA ASK ALL OF YOU SOME QUESTIONS.
I'M GOING TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW NOW.
STEP BACK, YOUR HIGH-NESS.
ALL OF YOU! TO THE LIVING ROOM!
IF IT MOVES, I WILL SHOOT...!!
IF YOU LIE, THIS CHAIN WILL MOVE...

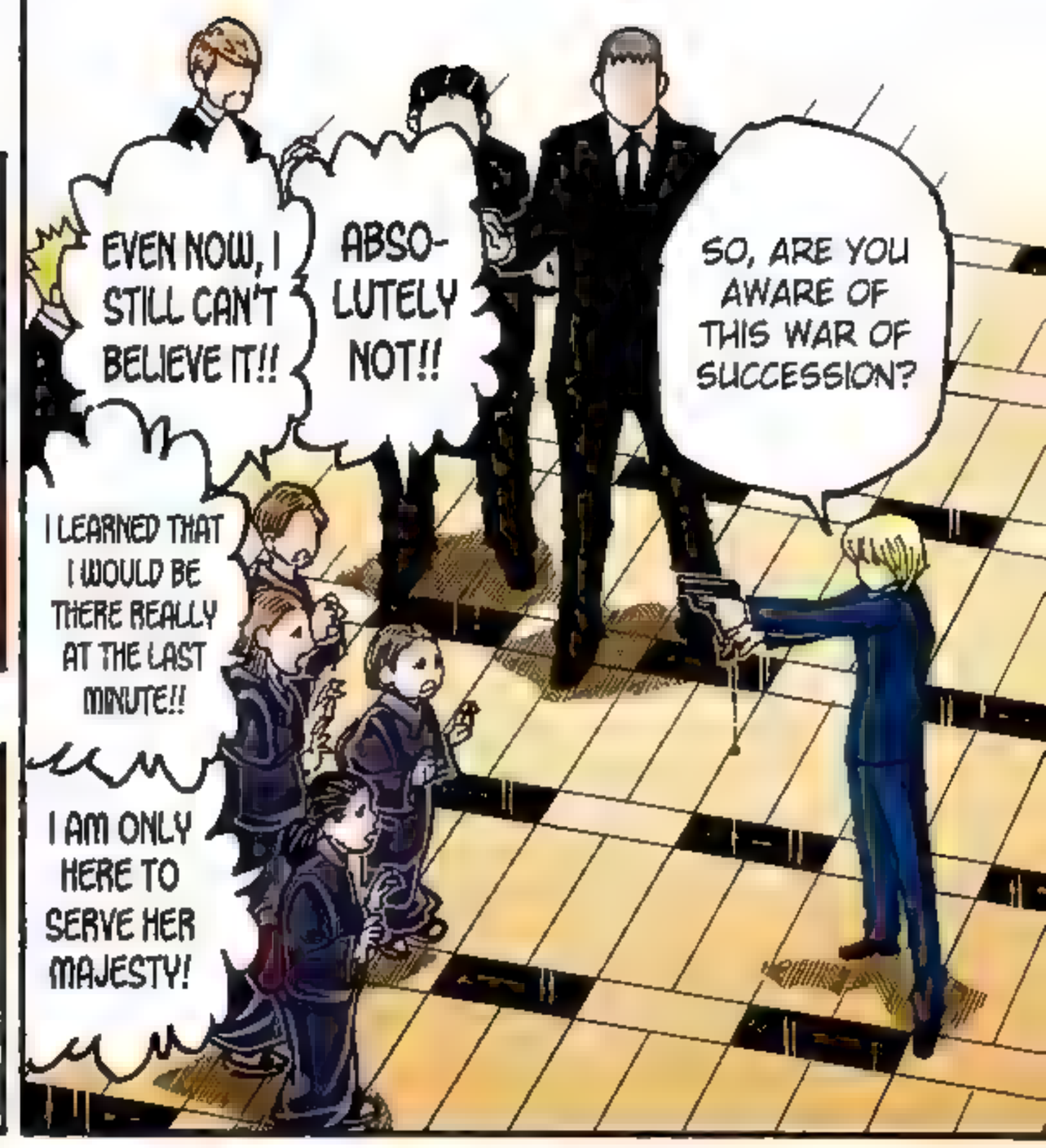
I DEBATED WHETHER IT SHOULD BE "MOON AND SUN" OR "SUN AND MOON." I SHOUTED IT IN MY MIND, AND DECIDED "SUN AND MOON" SOUNDED BETTER.

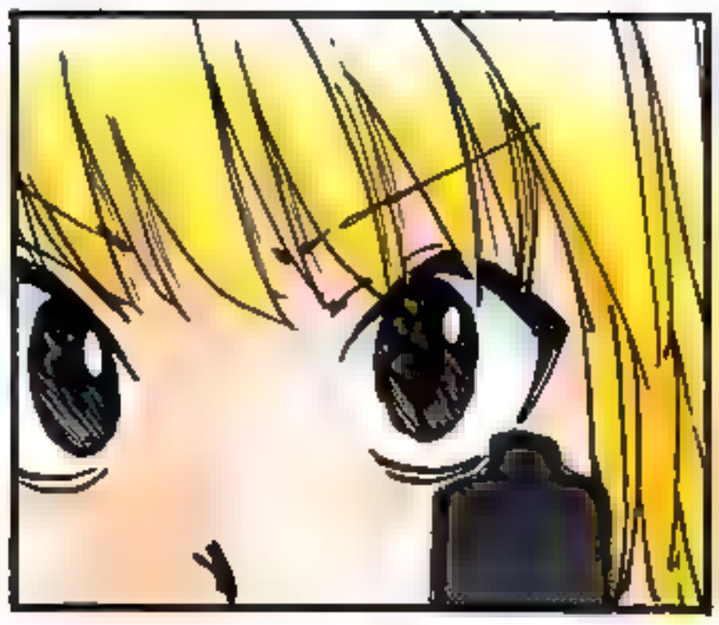
No.360 ◆ PARASITE




IT WILL BE MUCH SIMPLER...!
ANSWER ONE AT A TIME.




EVEN NOW, I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!
ABSO-LUTELY NOT!!
SO, ARE YOU AWARE OF THIS WAR OF SUCCESSION?
I LEARNED THAT I WOULD BE THERE REALLY AT THE LAST MINUTE!!
I AM ONLY HERE TO SERVE HER MAJESTY!



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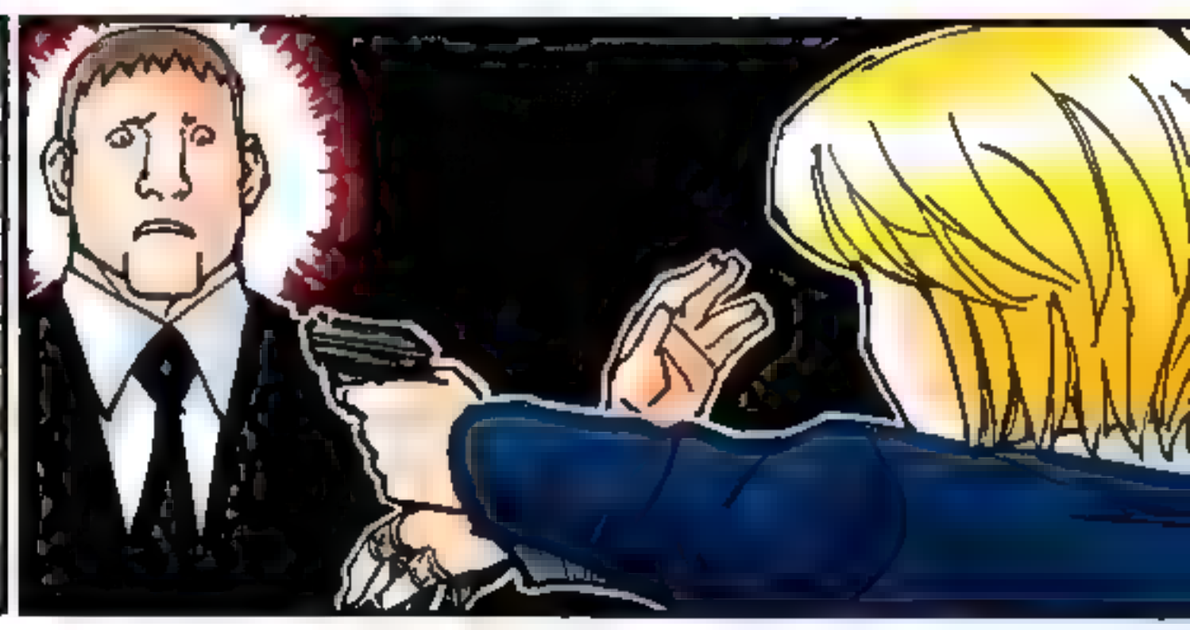

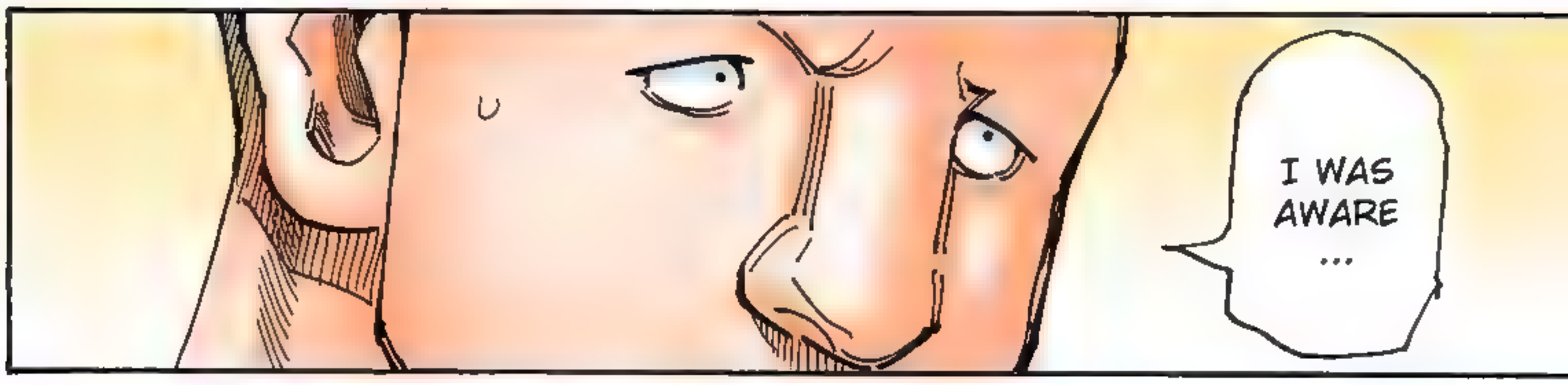
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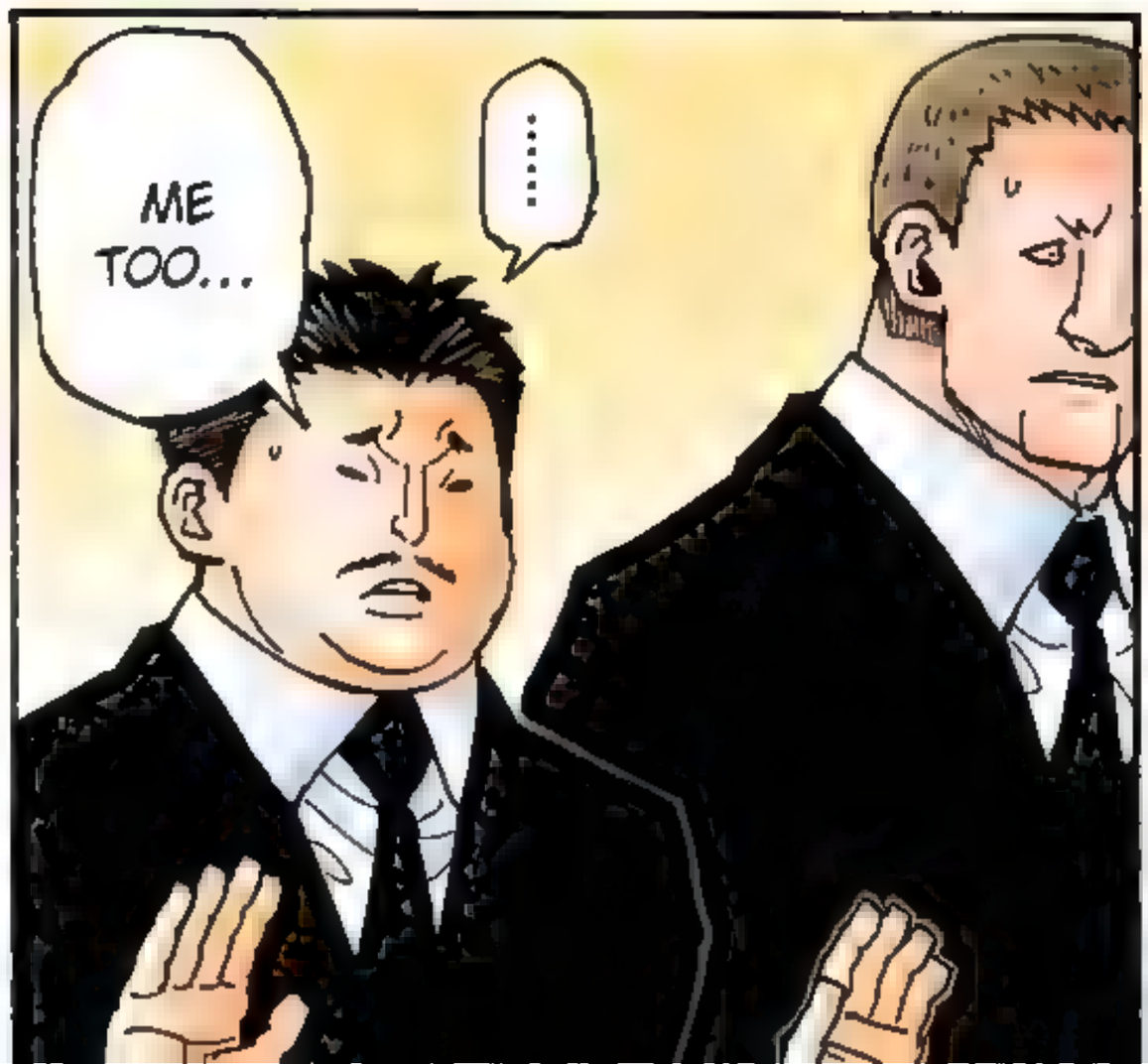
ME TOO...
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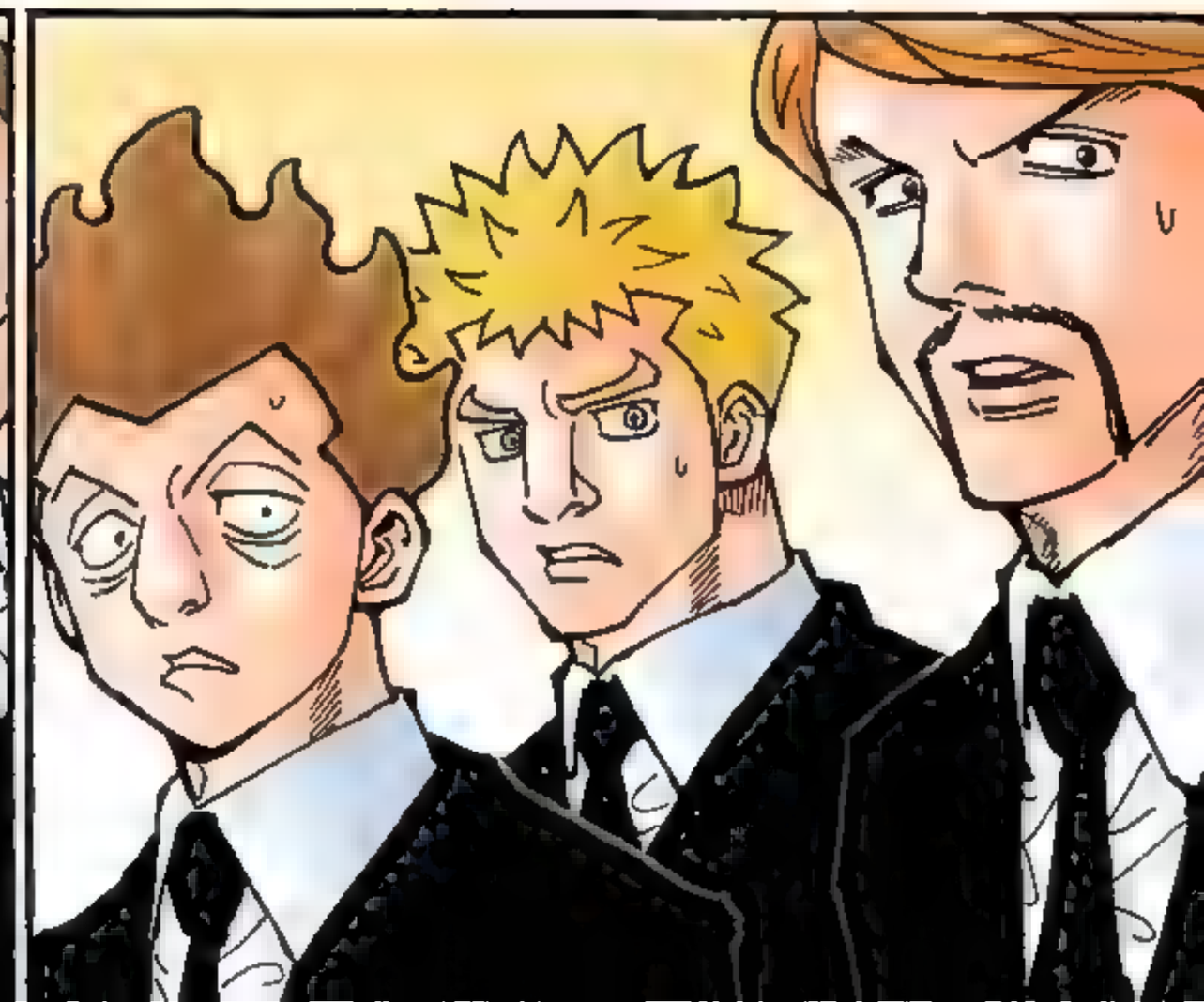
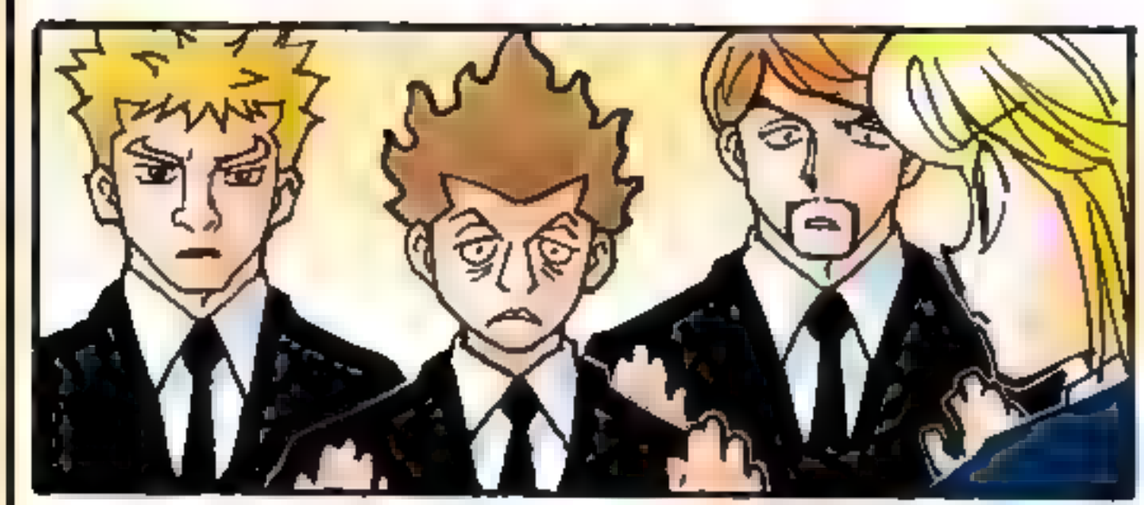
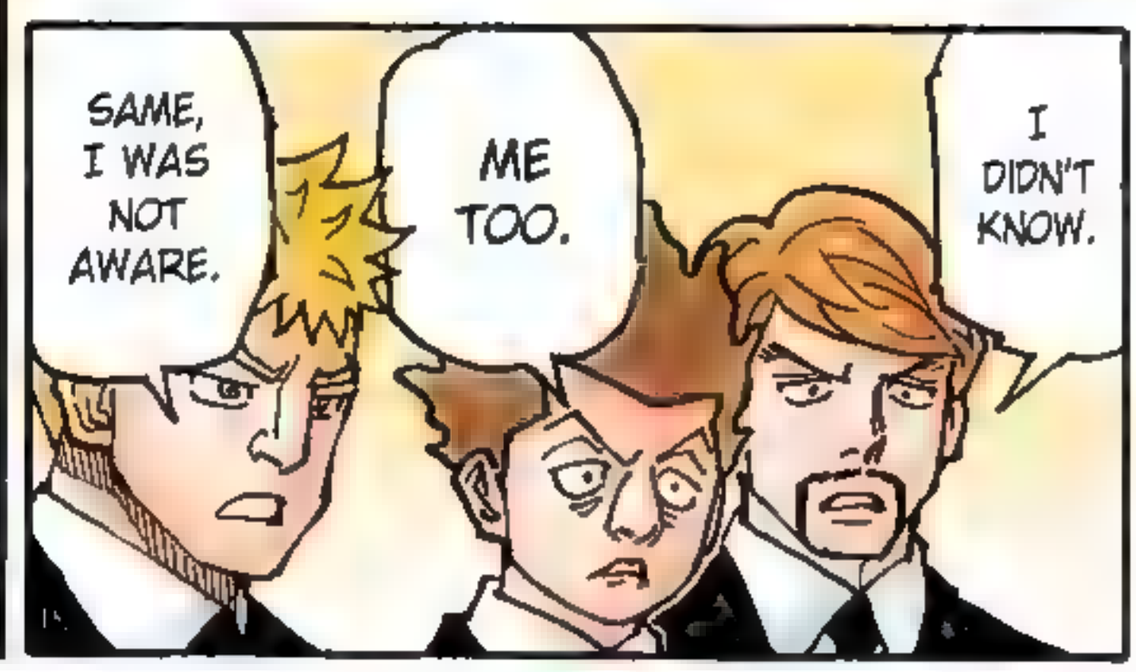


...IF YOU TRULY ARE ON THE PRINCE WOBLE SIDE?
NOW YOU ARE GOING TO TELL ME...




SAME, I WAS NOT AWARE.
ME TOO.
I DIDN'T KNOW.

YEAH... NOT QUITE IN FACT...
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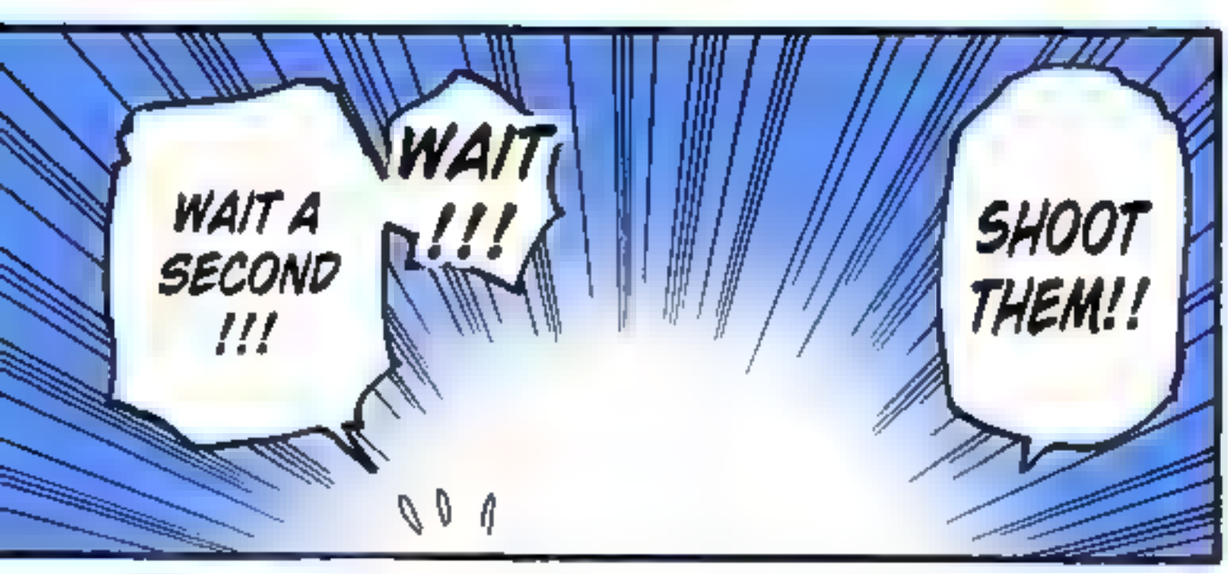
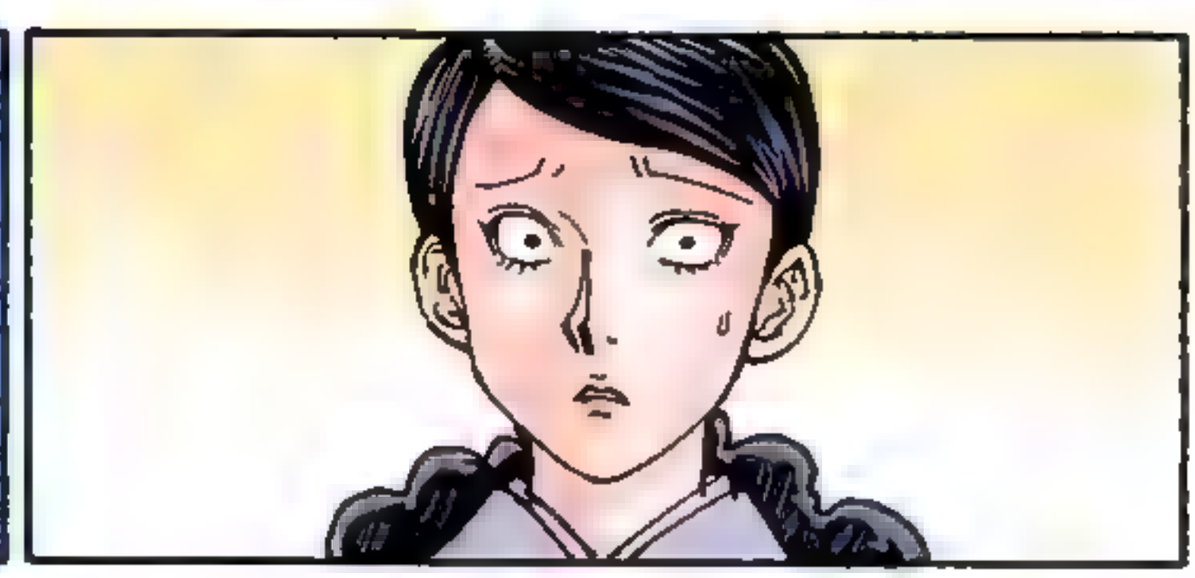
NO... WE ARE NOT.


WAIT A SECOND !!!
WAIT !!!
SHOOT THEM!!

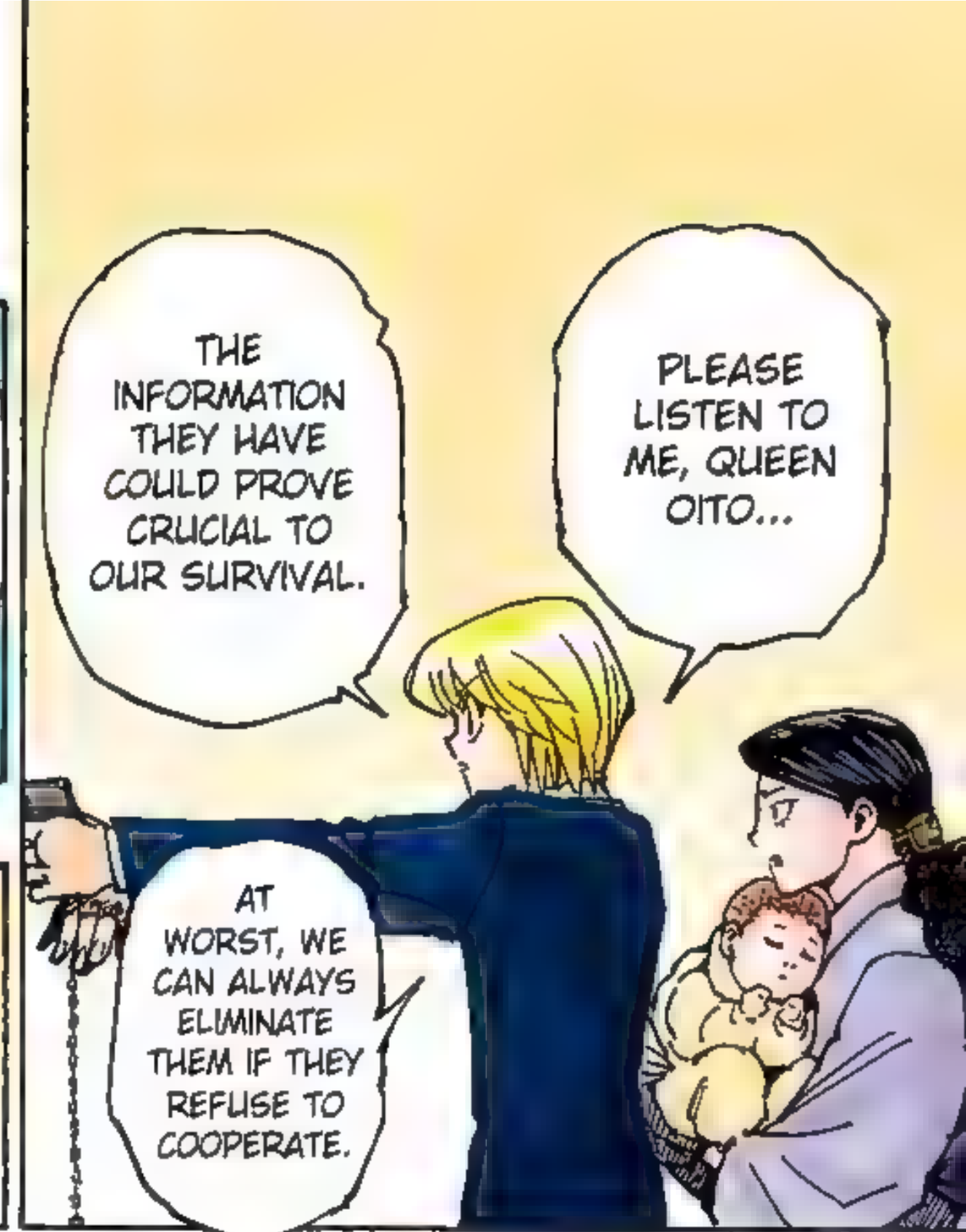


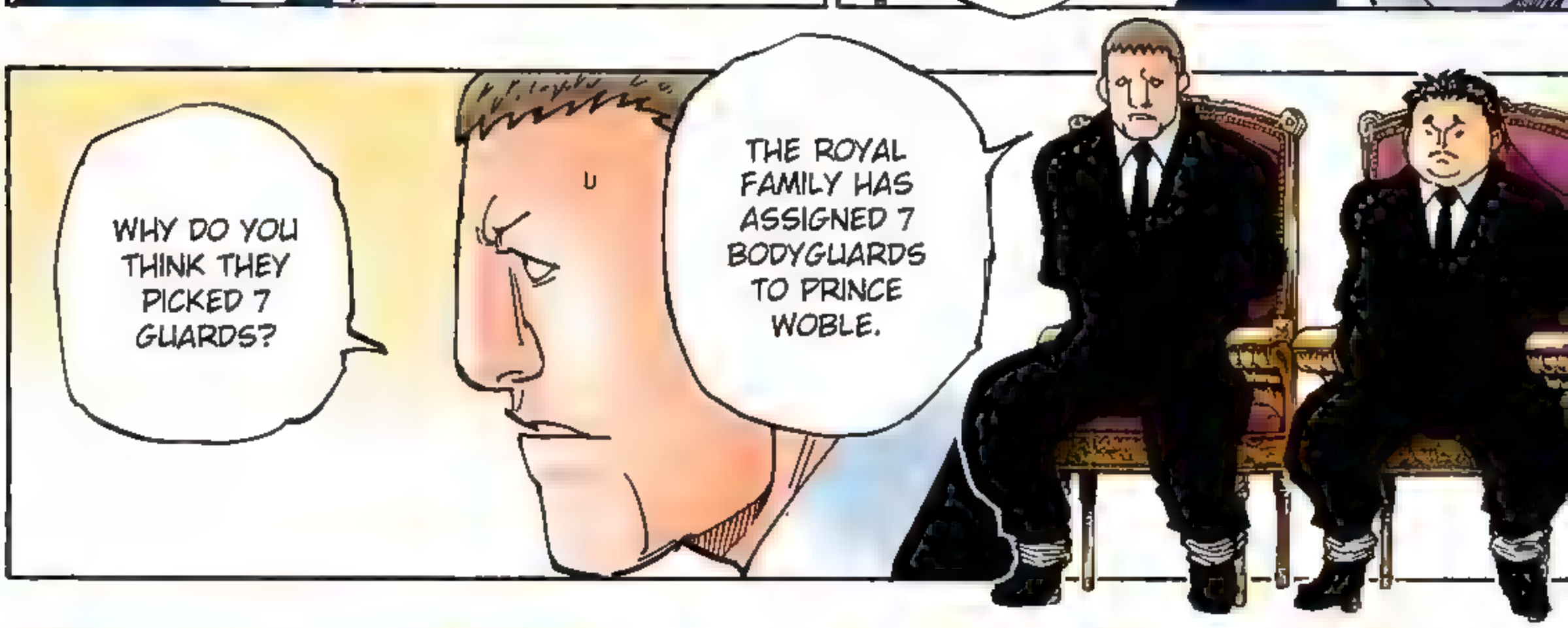
LET US EXPLAIN!!
KILL THEM BOTH, IMME-DIATELY!!
CALM DOWN, YOUR MAJESTY ...!

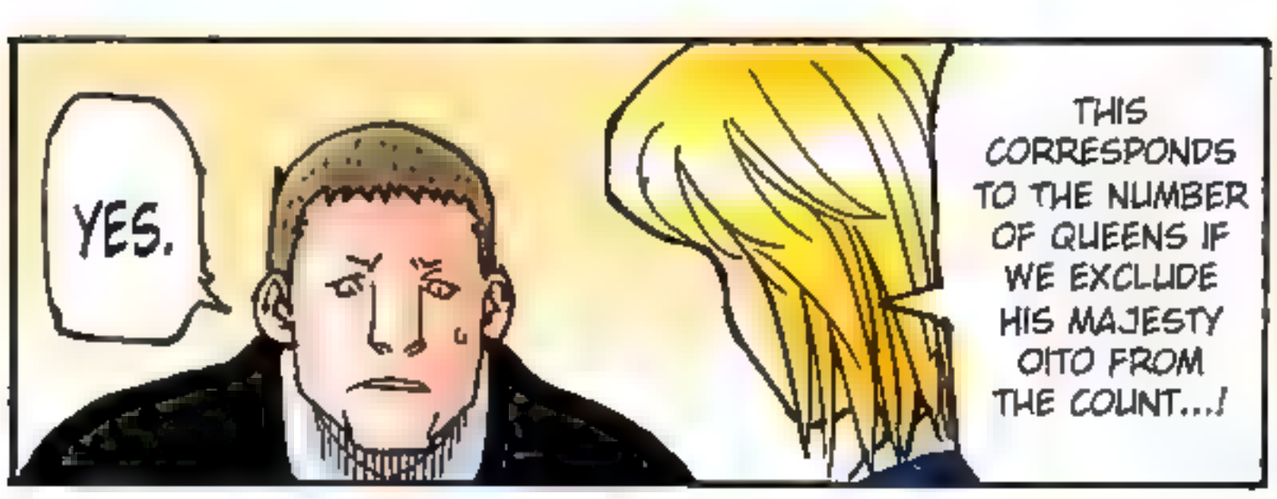
THE ALL WORK FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

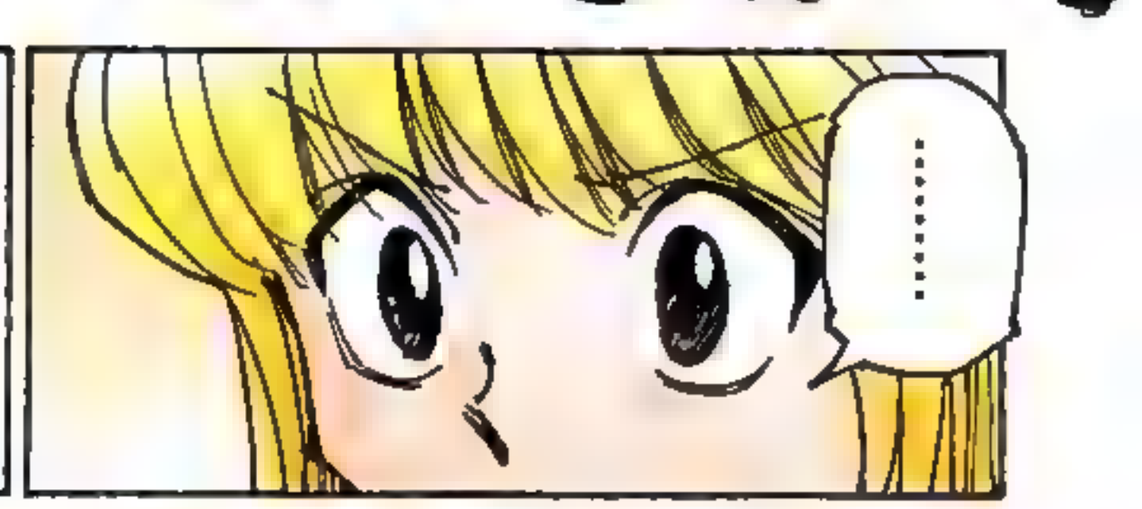
YEAH...

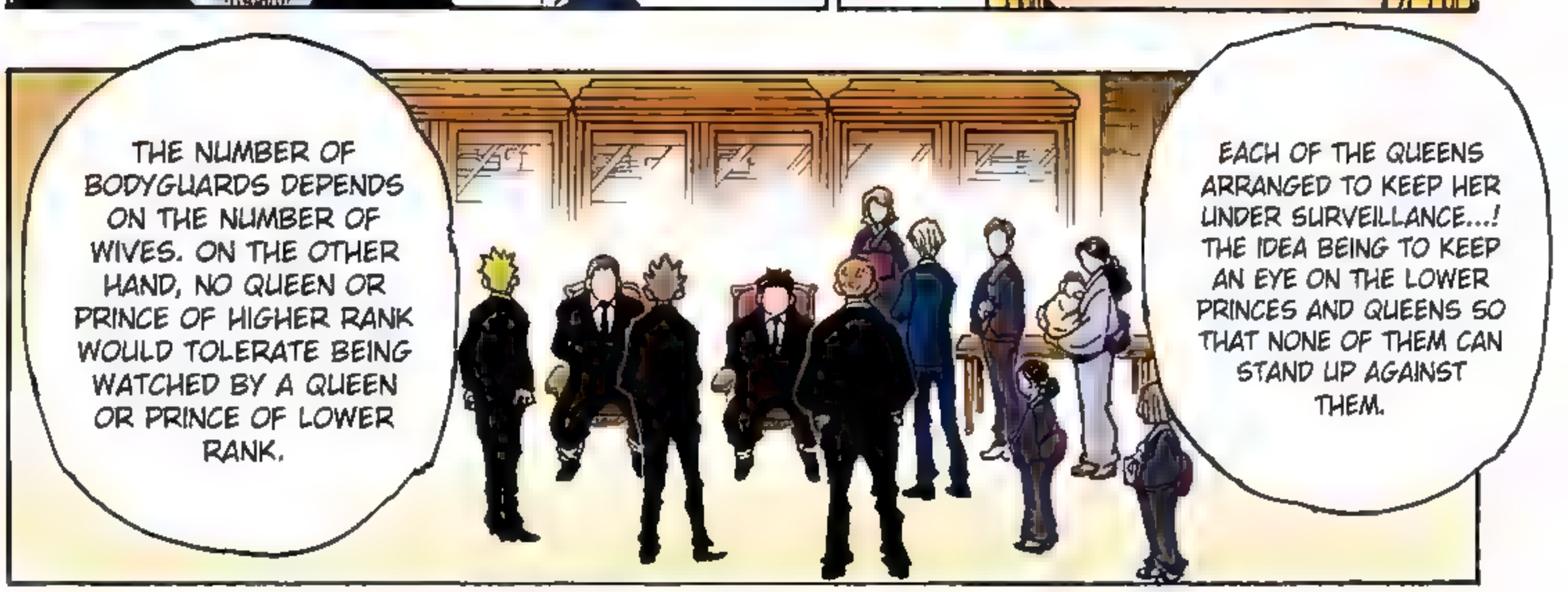
THE 5 PEOPLE WHO WERE KILLED ARE NOT ON WOBLE'S SIDE EITHER. I AM WRONG?











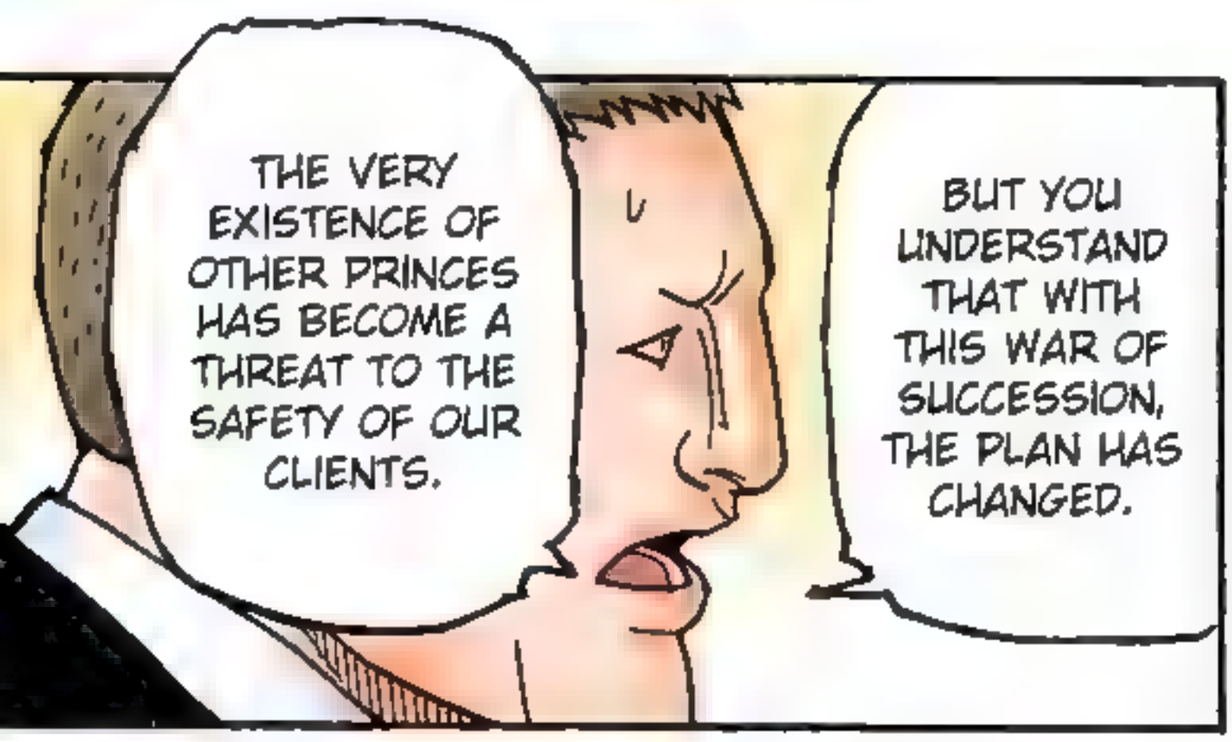
THIS MEANS QUEEN OITO, WHO HAPPENS TO BE THE LOWEST RANKED OF ALL, HAS NOT YET HAD THIS SYSTEM EXPLAINED TO HER.

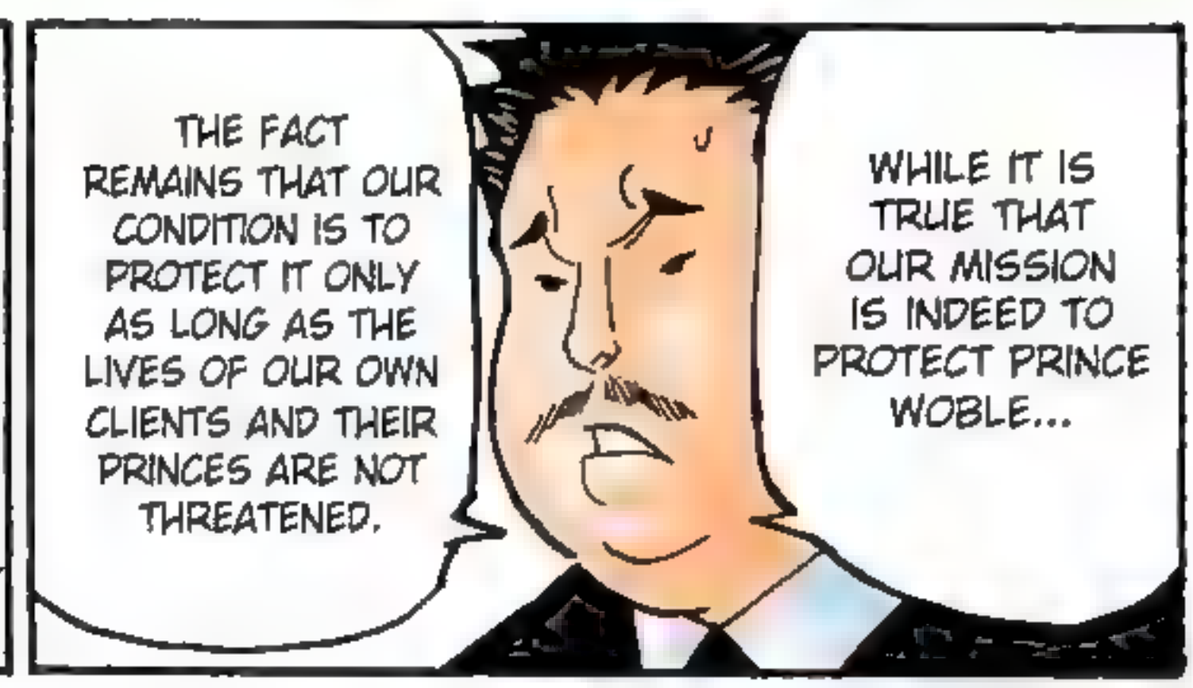
11TH PRINCE
PRINCE FUGETSU
- 2 BODYGUARDS CHOSEN BY QUEEN SEIKO.
- 5 SURVEILLANCE BODYGUARDS (CHOSEN QUEENS UNMA~SWINKO-SWINKO)

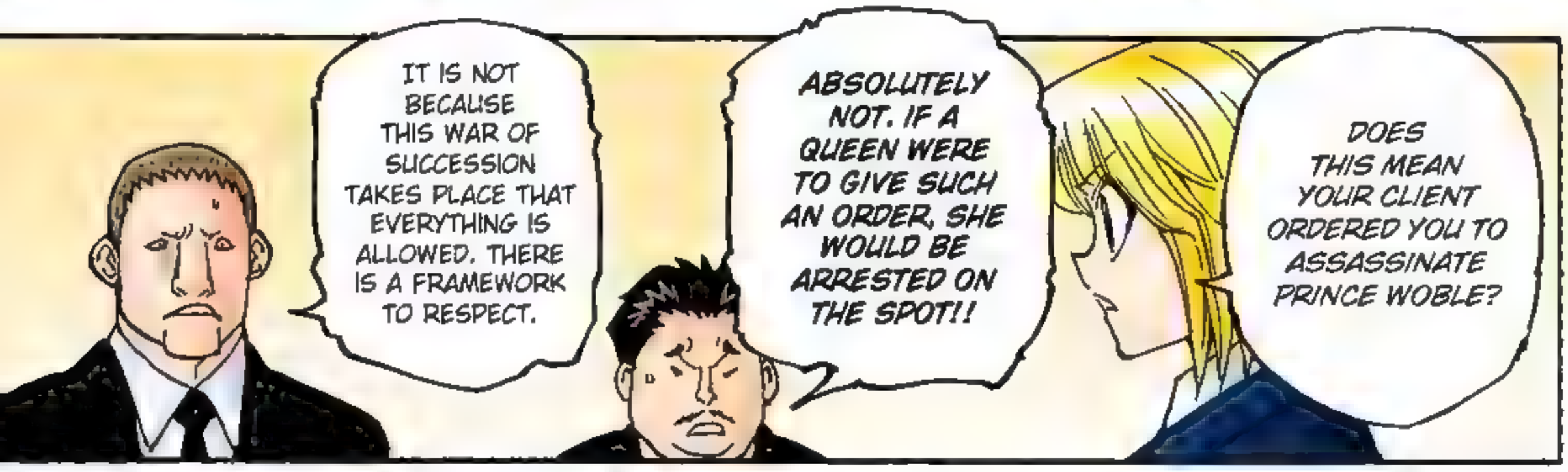
12TH PRINCE
PRINCE MOMOZE
- 1 BODYGUARD CHOSEN BY QUEEN SEVANCHI
- 6 SURVEILLANCE BODYGUARDS (CHOSEN BY QUEENS UNMA~SEIKO)

14TH PRINCE
PRINCE WOBLE
- 7 SURVEILLANCE BODYGUARDS (CHOSEN BY QUEENS UNMA-SEVANCHI)

WHICH MEANS THAT AS SOON AS THE KING HAS A NEW BRIDE, SHE IS AUTOMATICALLY RANKED AT THE LOWEST RANK. AND WHOEVER WAS LOWEST BEFORE SHE CAN NOW POSITION A BODYGUARD FOR EVERY QUEEN BELOW HER.

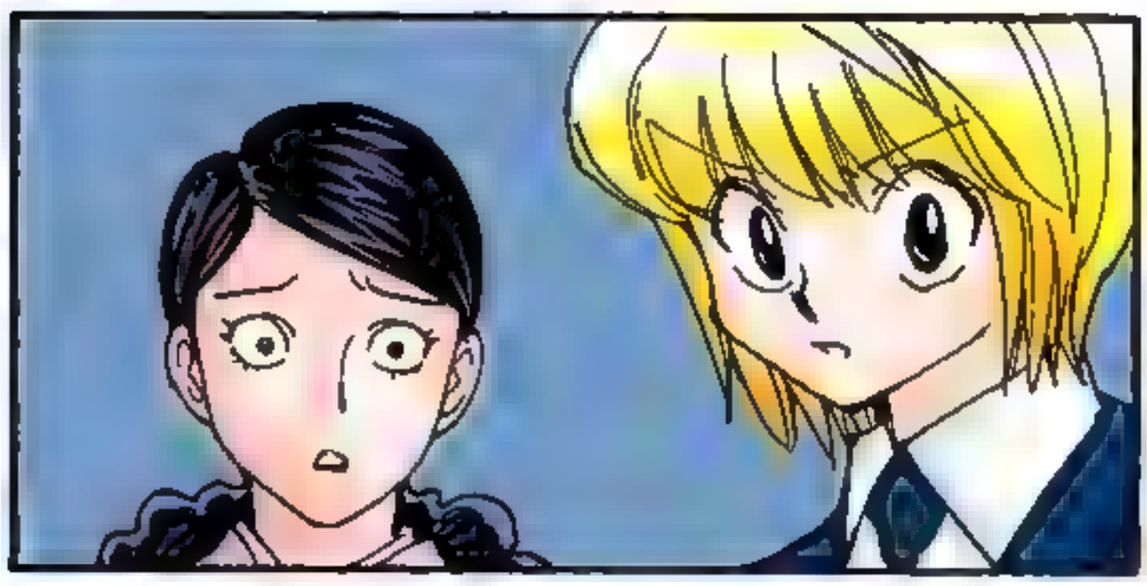






BUT THE PRINCES THEMSELVES ...!!

BUT IT IS NEITHER US, NOR A THIRD MILITIA, THE ACTORS OF THIS WAR...



BUT IT IS WHEN I SAW THIS BODY AND WHEN YOU MENTIONED THE CAPACITIES OF NEN THAT I UNDERSTOOD...

KILLING A PRINCE IS AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS CRIME... AT NO TIME COULD I CONCEIVE THAT THIS WAS TRUE.

THAT THIS WAR OF SUCCESSION WAS INDEED REAL.

IT WAS ACTUALLY A RITUAL TO ENDOW THE PRINCE WITH AN ABILITY OF NEN.

IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, YOU ALSO WENT THROUGH THE URN RITUAL?

BUT ... WHAT ARE YOU... TALKING ABOUT...?

IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT YOU WILL BE ATTACKED AUTOMATICALLY AS SOON AS YOU ARE UNDER STRESS OR ANXIETY.

WHICH MEANS YOU NEED TO CONTROL YOUR EMOTIONS. OTHERWISE, THEY RISK ENDANGERING US.

SO PLEASE KEEP CALM.

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FOR NOW, IF YOU CONSIDER WHAT THEY'RE SAYING TO BE TRUE, IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY THAT WOBLE'S ABILITY...

PLEASE CALM DOWN!

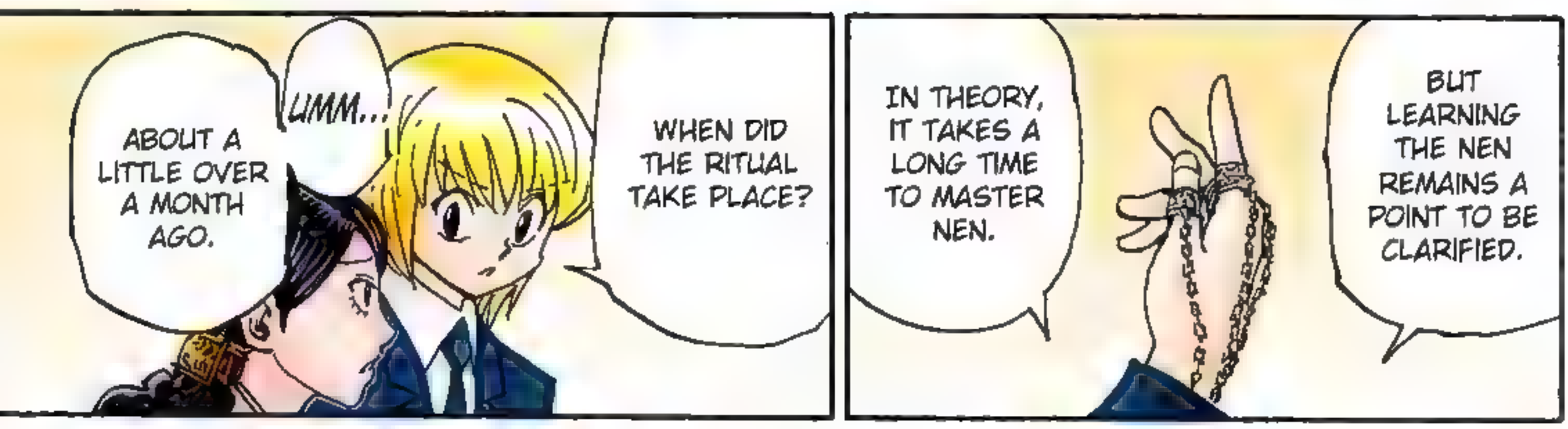
WHAT? ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THIS OLD URN? NO... THESE ARE JUST OLD LEGENDS!

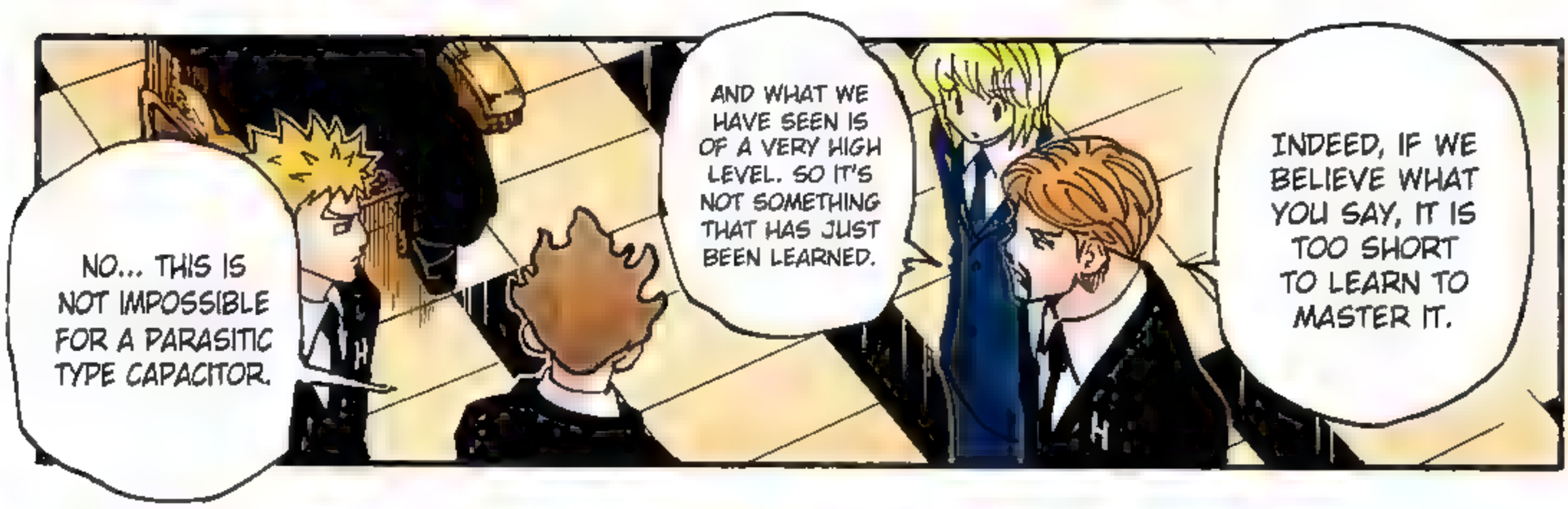
...OR A POWER THAT IS ACTIVATED ACCORDING TO HIS SURVIVAL INSTINCT.

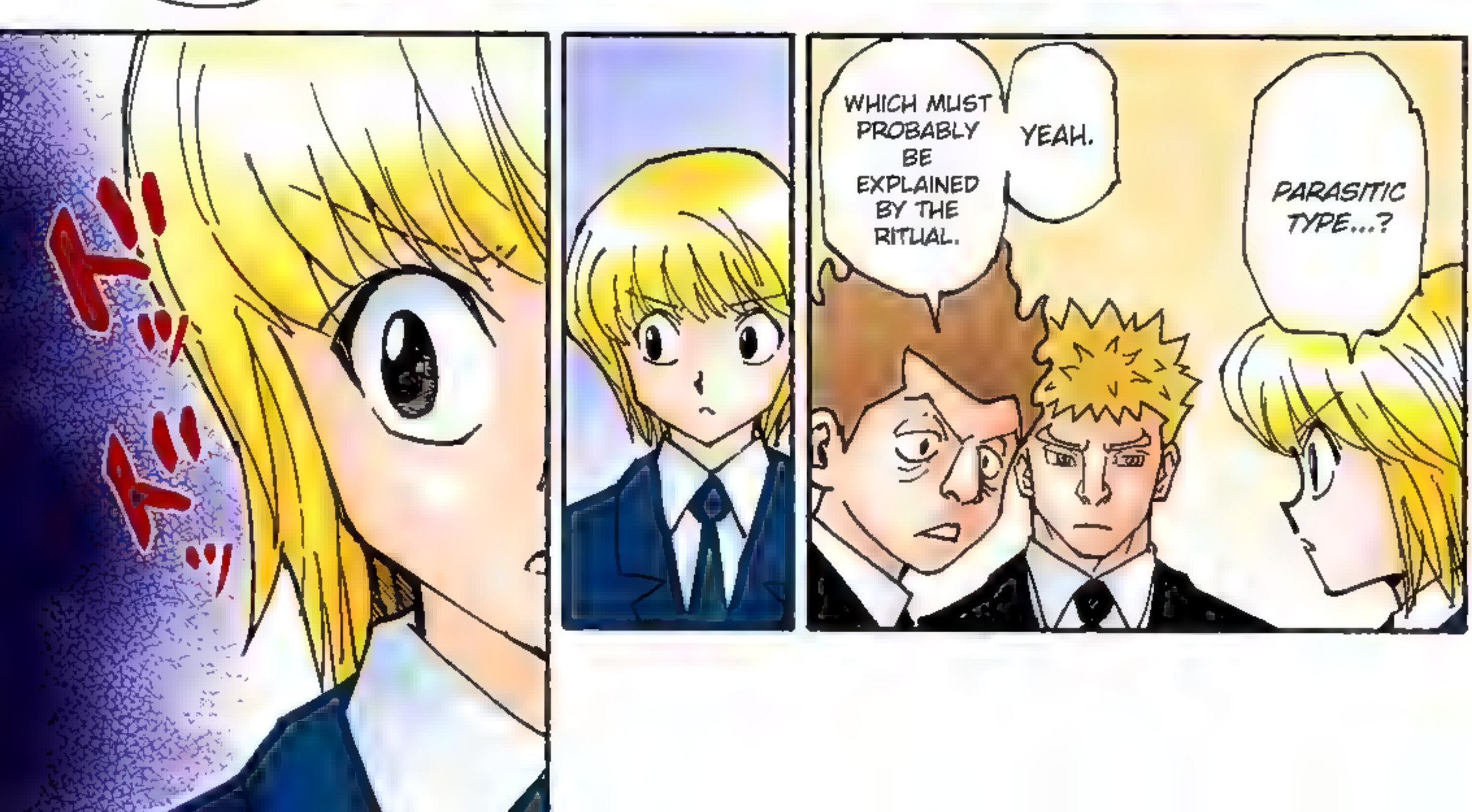
OR EITHER THE OTHER PRINCES HAVE TARGETED THE WEAKEST OF THEM BY FIRST GETTING RID OF THE BODYGUARDS.

THERE ARE TWO POSSIBLE OPTIONS. ONE CAN LEGITIMATELY THINK THAT EITHER ONE OF THE BODYGUARDS DECIDED TO ACT AS SOON AS AN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF TO HIM AND THAT PRINCE WOBLE REACTED INSTINCTIVELY BY SENSING HIS MURDEROUS INSTINCT.

IT'S JUST A THEORY WORKED OUT ACCORDING TO WHAT HAS BEEN SAID SO FAR... BUT THE CURRENT SITUATION DOES NOT ALLOW US TO JUDGE WHETHER IT IS AN ENEMY OR AN ALLY THAT HAS BEEN ATTACKED.







CAN YOU SEE THAT?
GUYS...

IT MAY REACT DEPENDING ON YOU.

CALM DOWN!

WOOOAAAHHH!!

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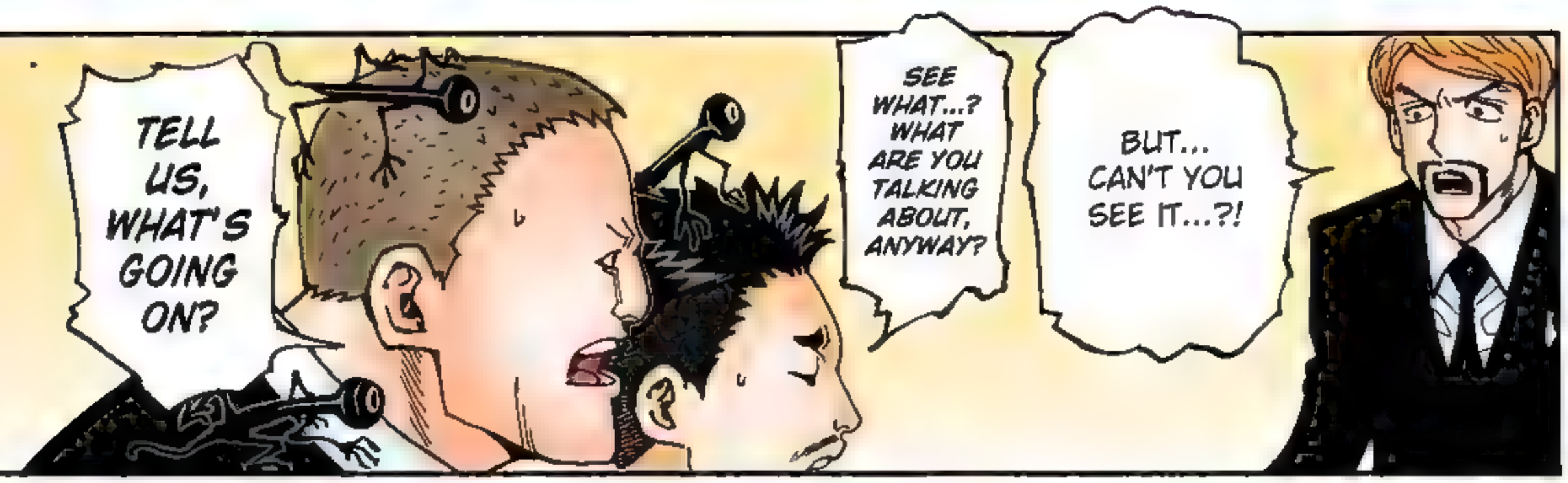

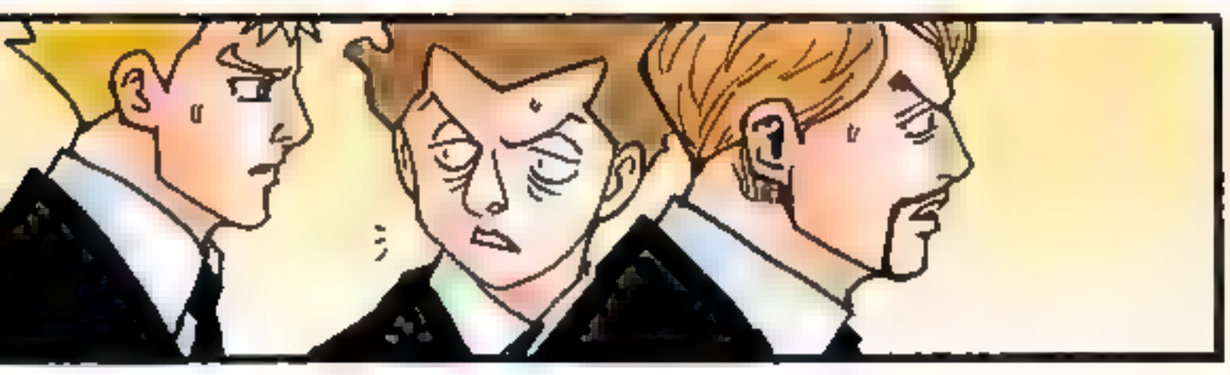

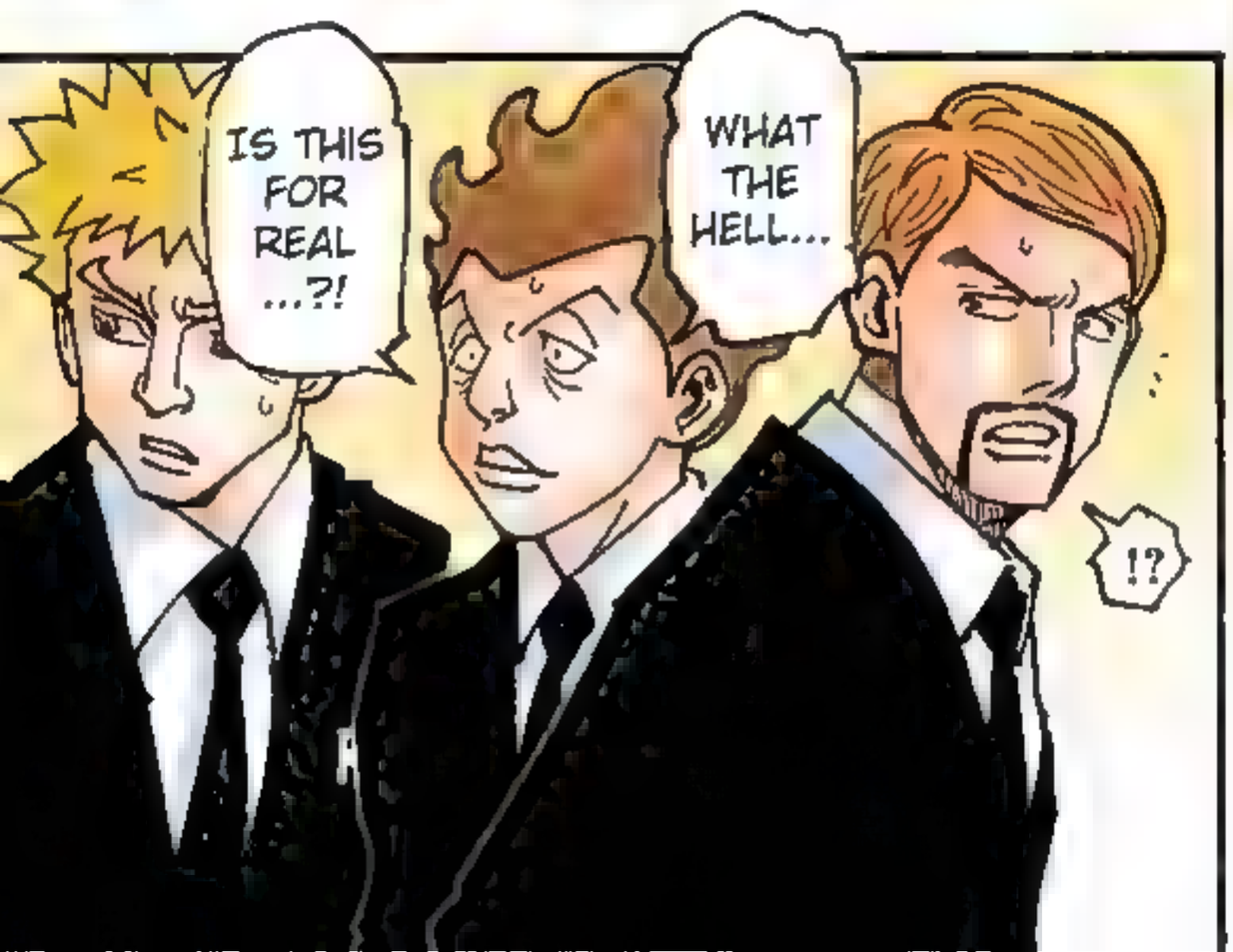

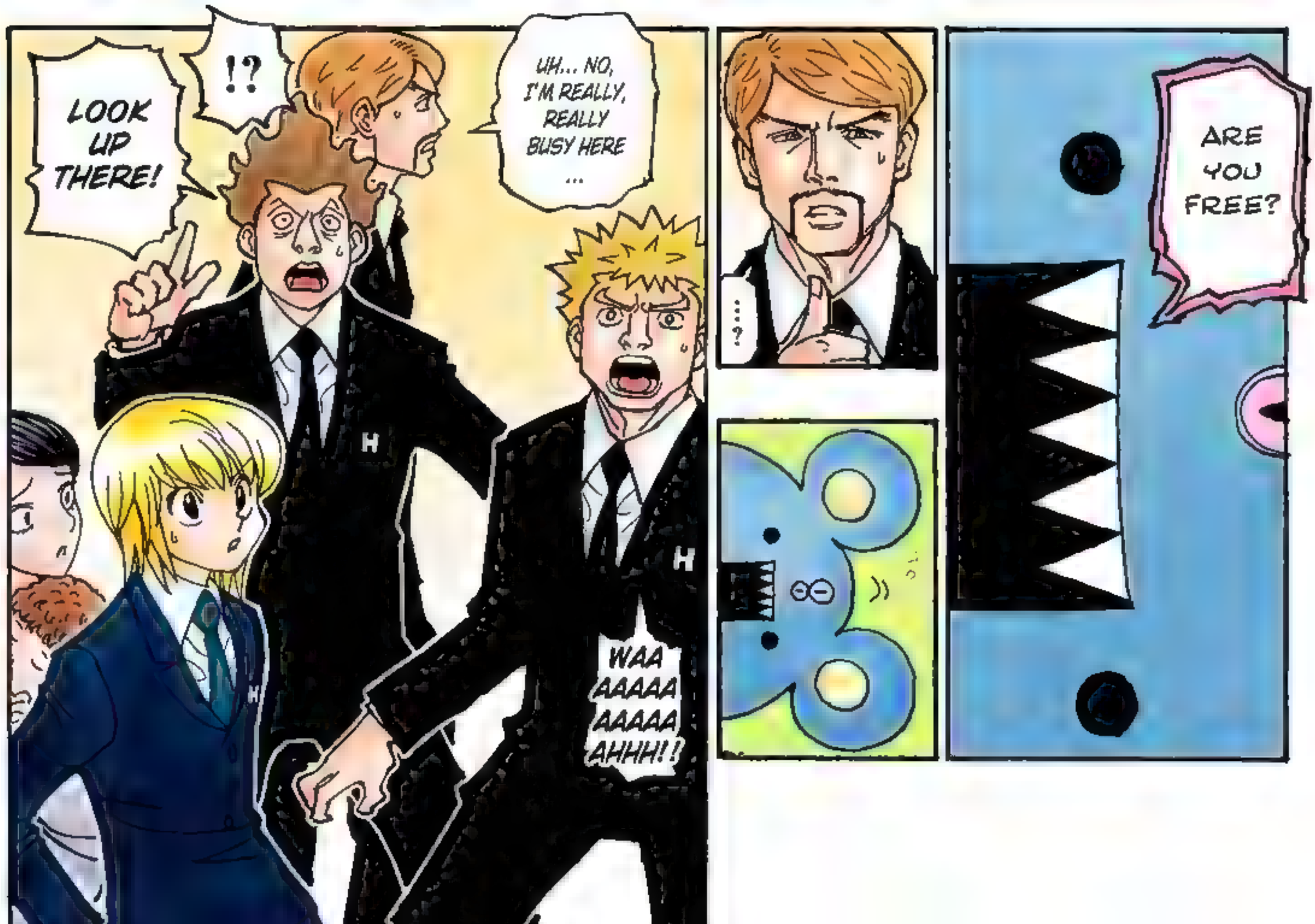
LOOK UP THERE!
!?
UH... NO, I'M REALLY, REALLY BUSY HERE ...
WAA AAAAA AAAAA AHHH!!
...?
ARE YOU FREE?

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BUT... WHAT IS THIS ...?!

NOW THE SITUATION IS CATAS-TROPHIC...! WE ARE LITERALLY DEFENSELESS!

SOMEONE HAS TO CONTROL THEM. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE CONTROLLED...

IT'S THE OPENING OF HOSTILITIES... EACH OF THE PRINCES WANTS TO GAUGE THE ABILITIES OF THE OTHERS AND SEE HOW THEY COPE WITH IT.

SO THAT WOULD BE IT, GU...
THE FAMOUS RITUAL OF THE URN AND THE EGG...

BISCUIT, HOW IS THE PRINCE? IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT?

SO DOES THIS MEAN THAT PRINCE MARAYAM'S CREATURES FROM NEN CAME HERE ...?!

NOTHING TO REPORT, HE IS AWARE, HE IS FINE! AND HOW'S IT GOING ON YOUR SIDE?

A LARGE NUMBER OF NEN CREATURES HAVE APPEARED IN AREA 14!!

I WANT A REPORT FROM THE OTHER ZONES! WHAT'S GOING ON ON YOUR SIDE, MELODY?

ALERT! LET EVERYONE USE THE COMMON LINE. HERE KURAPIKA FROM THE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION!

FOR THE TIME BEING ...?!

BISCUIT HERE, THERE WERE ALSO NEN CREATURES, EARLIER! BUT NOTHING TO REPORT FOR THE MOMENT IN ZONE 13.

MELODY HERE, NOTHING TO REPORT IN ZONE 10!

BUT DOES THAT MEAN THAT THIS WAR OF SUCCESSION IS GOING TO UNFOLD ON ITS OWN?

CONSCIOUS? AND IF THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF IT, PRECISELY ...? PERHAPS, INDEED, THAT THEY ARE NOT EVEN AWARE OF THE CAPACITIES TO WHICH THEY AWOKE DURING THE RITUAL OF THE URN?

I BELIEVE THIS IS A TYPE OF PARASITIC NEN!!

YES OF COURSE. THE BODYGUARDS, THE SERVANTS AND THE PRINCE CANNOT SEE THEM.

!

BILL.

YOUR MAJESTY, COME THIS WAY...

BISCUIT, ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE ABLE TO SEE THESE NEN CREATURES THE MEMBERS OF THE HUNTERS' ASSOCIATION?

...HANG ON... BUT IF THEY'RE NOT CONCIOUS OF IT, THEN THAT DOESN'T QUITE ADD UP...!! IF THEIR ABILITY HAS BEEN AWAKANED, THEN AT THE VERY LEAST THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THE NEN BEASTS...!!

THEY ACT INDEPENDENTLY, WITHOUT THEIR HOST BEING AWARE OF IT. AND THE WORST PART IS THAT SAID HOST CANNOT CONTROL THEM... THEY CAN ACT DEFENSIVELY OR OFFENSIVELY DEPENDING ON THE CASE...

YES... THEY MATERIALIZE IN VARIOUS FORMS BY FEEDING ON THE AURA OF THEIR HOST.

COULD THIS PARASITIC-TYPE ABILITY, BY ANY CHANCE, BE SOME KIND OF CURSE?

THIS MISSION ...

.....

THERE IS STILL TIME FOR YOU TO STEP ASIDE.

IS FAR MORE PERILOUS THAN YOU MIGHT IMAGINE.

THIS WAY, NO MATTER HOW MUCH AURA IS CONSUMED, THE HOST WILL NOT BE AWARE OF IT AND WILL NOT FEEL ANYTHING EXCEPT SEVERE FATIGUE.

IT IS MORE CONVENIENT IF THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO.

WHICH MEANS THEIR HOST MAY OR MAY NOT BE ABLE TO USE THE NEN AS WELL?

AND I WOULD NOT ALLOW MYSELF TO GIVE UP THIS MISSION UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. AND THIS, REGARDLESS OF THE DANGER INVOLVED...

THAT OUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCE...

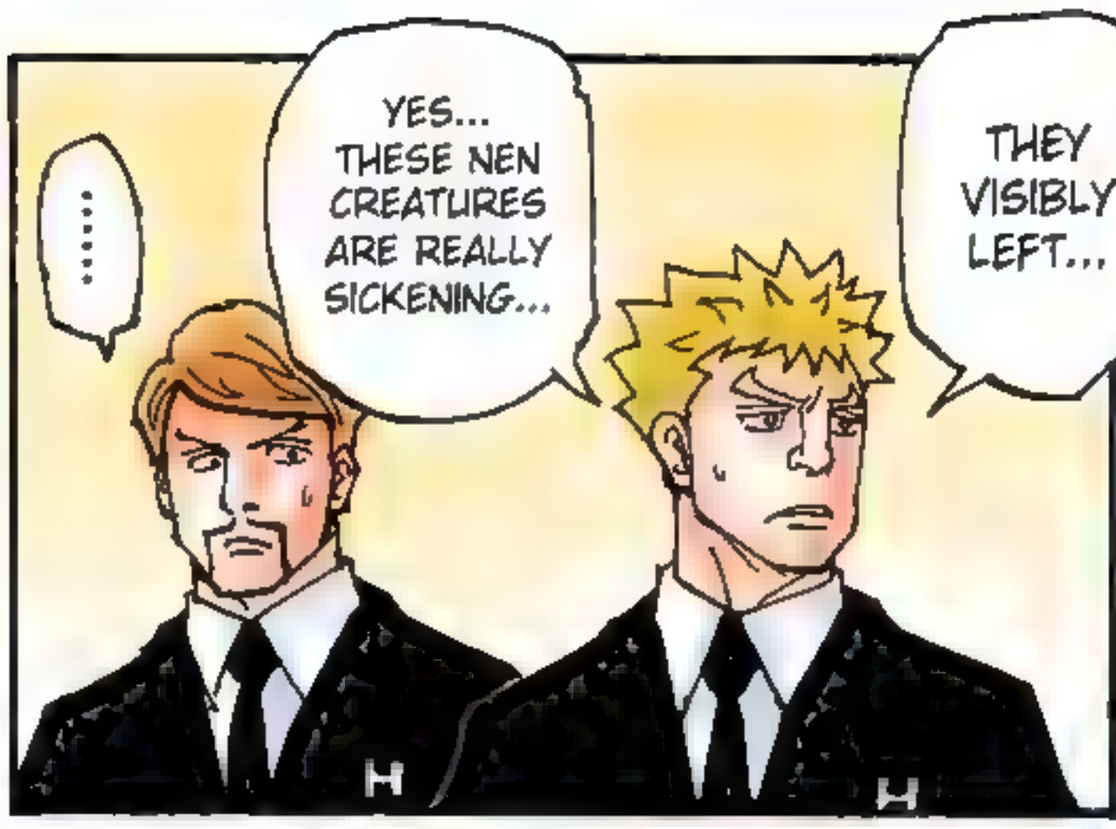
BUT, I ALREADY TOLD YOU BEFORE...

.....

IF YOU ARE A HUNTER, YOU CAN STILL TAKE CARE OF LEVEL 2 SURVEILLANCE... IT WILL NOT DEFEAT YOUR ORIGINAL MISSION.

TO BEST PROTECT THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCE, WE OWE IT TO OURSELVES TO EXCHANGE THE INFORMATION WE HOLD ON BOTH SIDES.

BUT AS THE SITUATION WORSENED, THE PARAMETERS CHANGED...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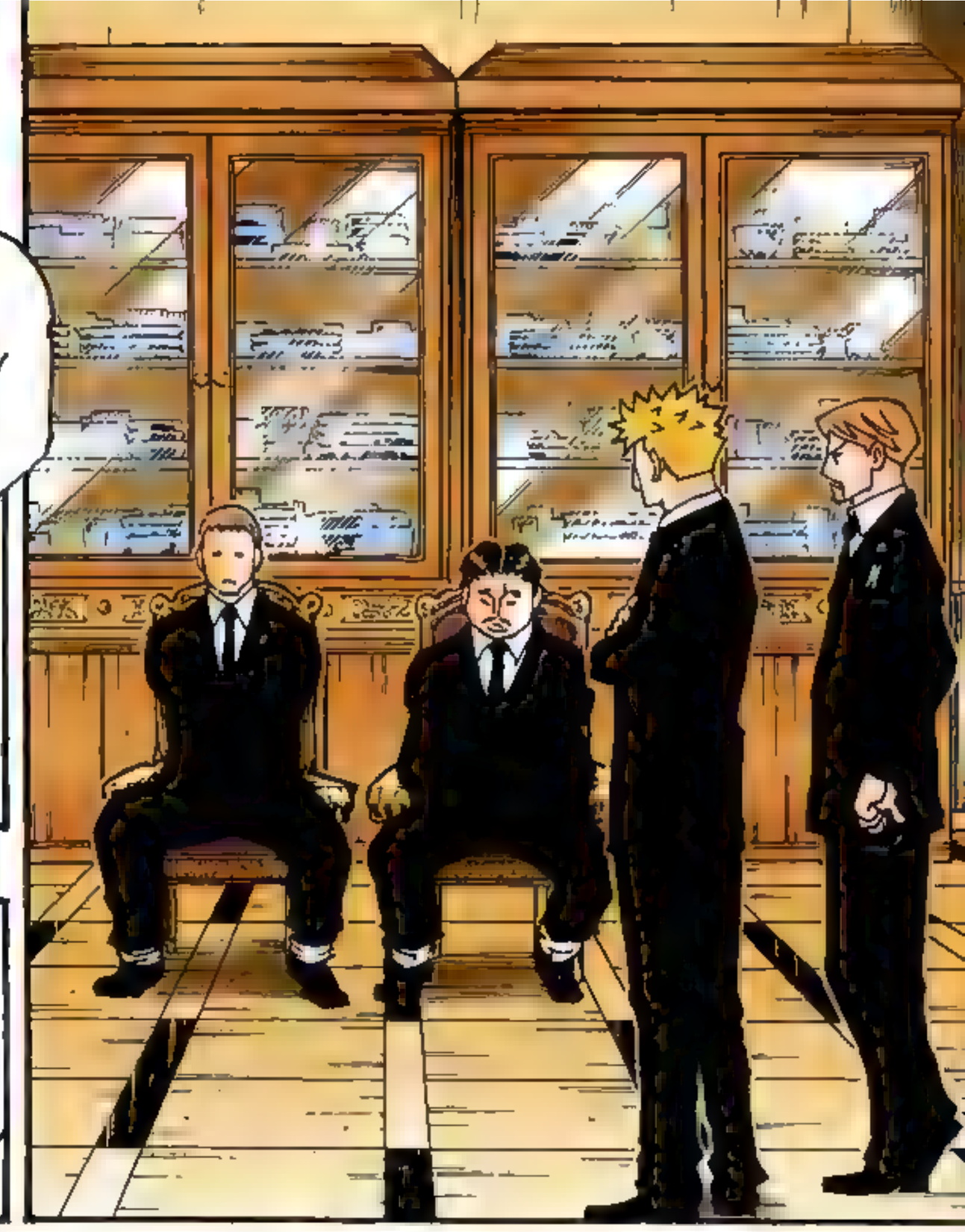
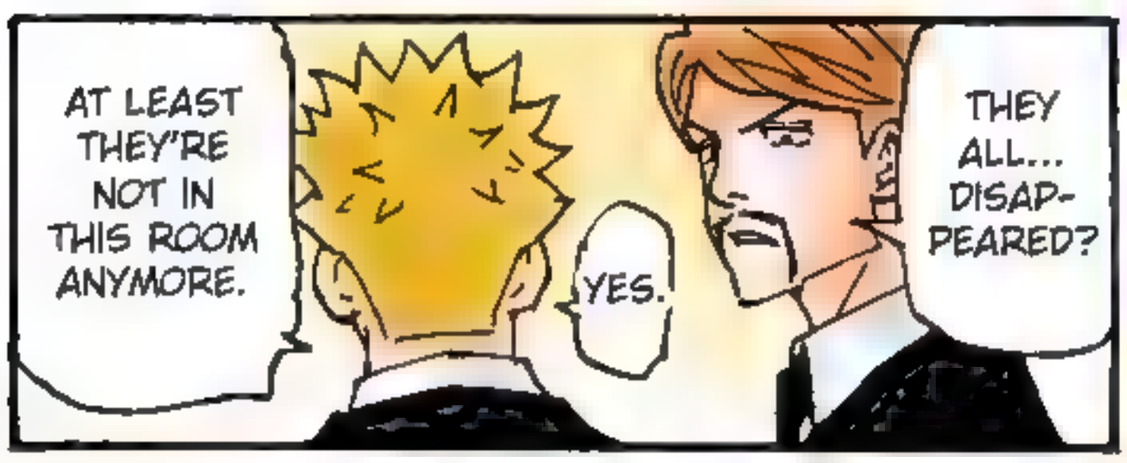
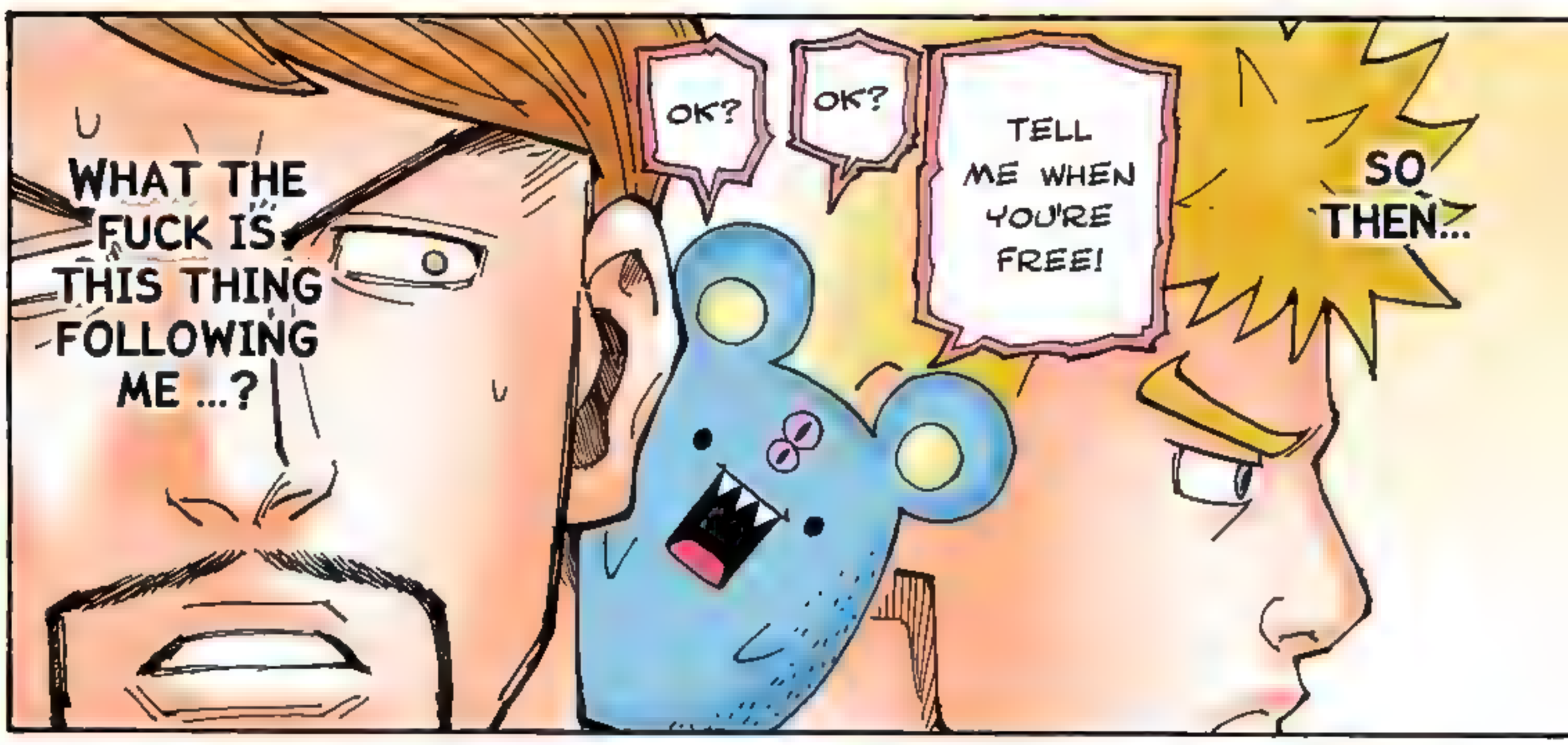
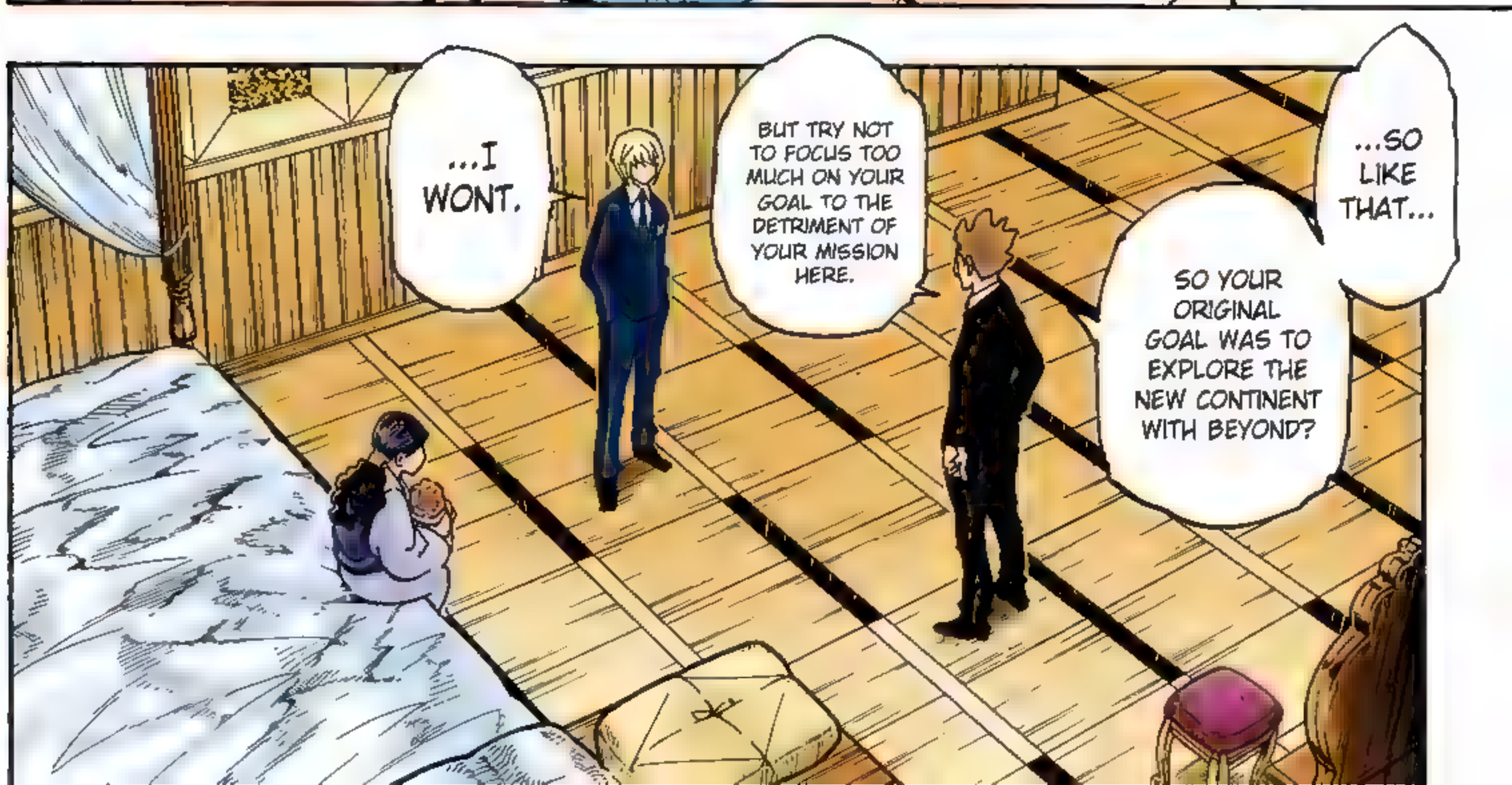
YES... THESE NEN CREATURES ARE REALLY SICKENING...
THEY VISIBLY LEFT...




AT LEAST THEY'RE NOT IN THIS ROOM ANYMORE.
YES.
THEY ALL... DISAP-PEARED?


WHAT THE FUCK IS THIS THING FOLLOWING ME ...?
OK?
OK?
TELL ME WHEN YOU'RE FREE!
SO THEN...


...I WONT.
BUT TRY NOT TO FOCUS TOO MUCH ON YOUR GOAL TO THE DETRIMENT OF YOUR MISSION HERE.
SO YOUR ORIGINAL GOAL WAS TO EXPLORE THE NEW CONTINENT WITH BEYOND?
...SO LIKE THAT...

BUT I OBVIOUSLY PLANNED A NUMBER OF THINGS TO KEEP HIM SAFE.
THE QUEEN ACCEPTED THIS CONDITION.
IF YOU HAVE TO MEET TSERRIEDNICH AS PART OF YOUR MISSION, THAT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HARM US AND GO AGAINST OUR OWN.
BUT YOUR CASE IS REALLY A PROBLEM.
TELL ME, WHAT WILL YOUR FAMOUS SECURITY BRING YOU IN YOUR PROPOSALS?
THEN LET ME ASK YOU...
THE PROTECTION OF THE PRINCE AND QUEEN COMES FIRST!
YES, BUT YOU HAVEN'T REALLY ESTABLISHED A RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST WITH THE OTHER PEOPLE HERE... AND THE GUARDS ARE UNLIKELY TO BUY INTO YOUR PROPOSALS.
WE CAN DO THAT TOO.
OK, IN THAT CASE...
DON'T YOU THINK THE BEST OPTION TO PROTECT THE QUEEN AND PRINCE IS TO HELP THEM ESCAPE THIS WAR OF SUCCESSION?
IF YOU INTEND TO APPLY THE RULE WHICH STATES "THAT SAFETY MUST BE MAINTAINED AT ALL COSTS ON BOARD THE SHIP", THEN KNOW THAT SAID SAFETY IS ALREADY LARGELY COMPROMISED.
YOUR MAJESTY! TAKE YOUR TIME AND CALMLY ANALYZE EACH OF THE PROPOSALS.
WE HAVE 3 MEASURES TO PROPOSE.
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YOUR MAJESTY, STAY CLOSE TO ME!

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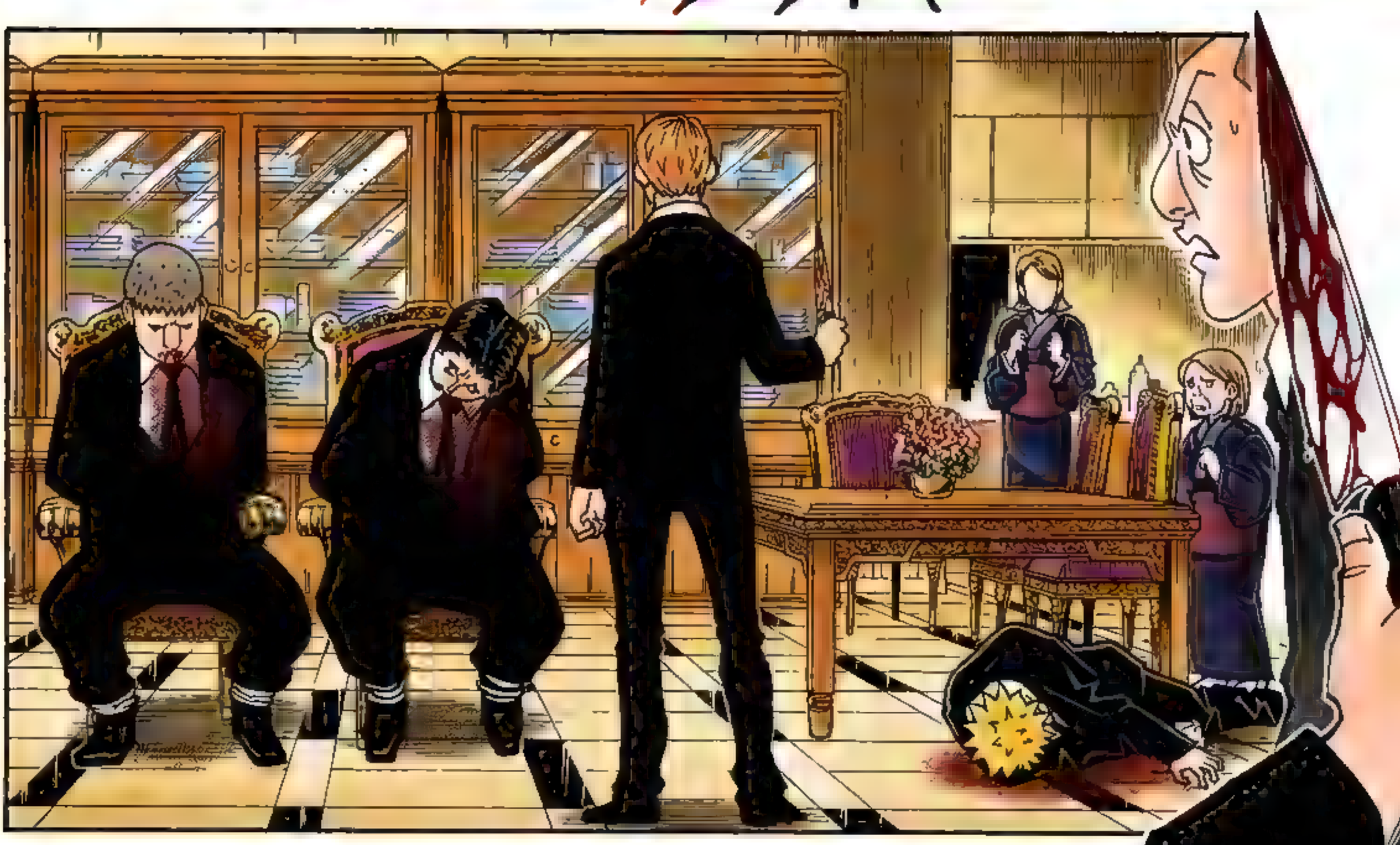
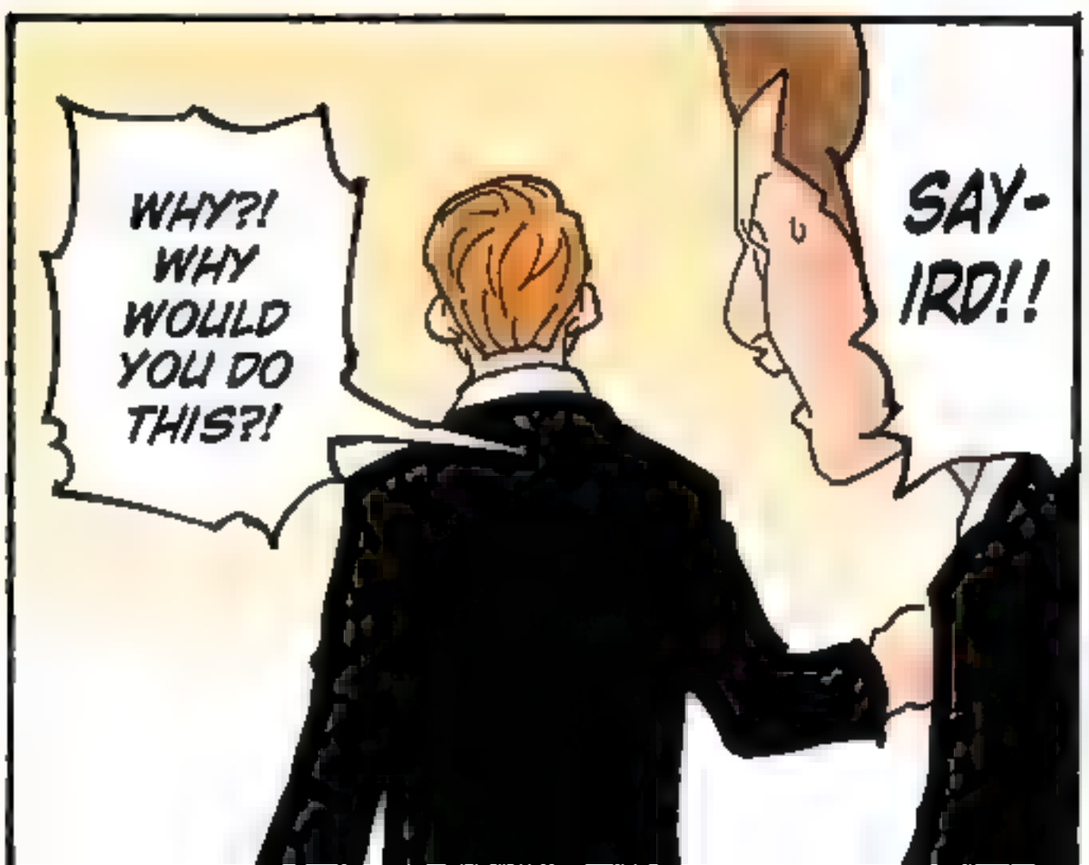
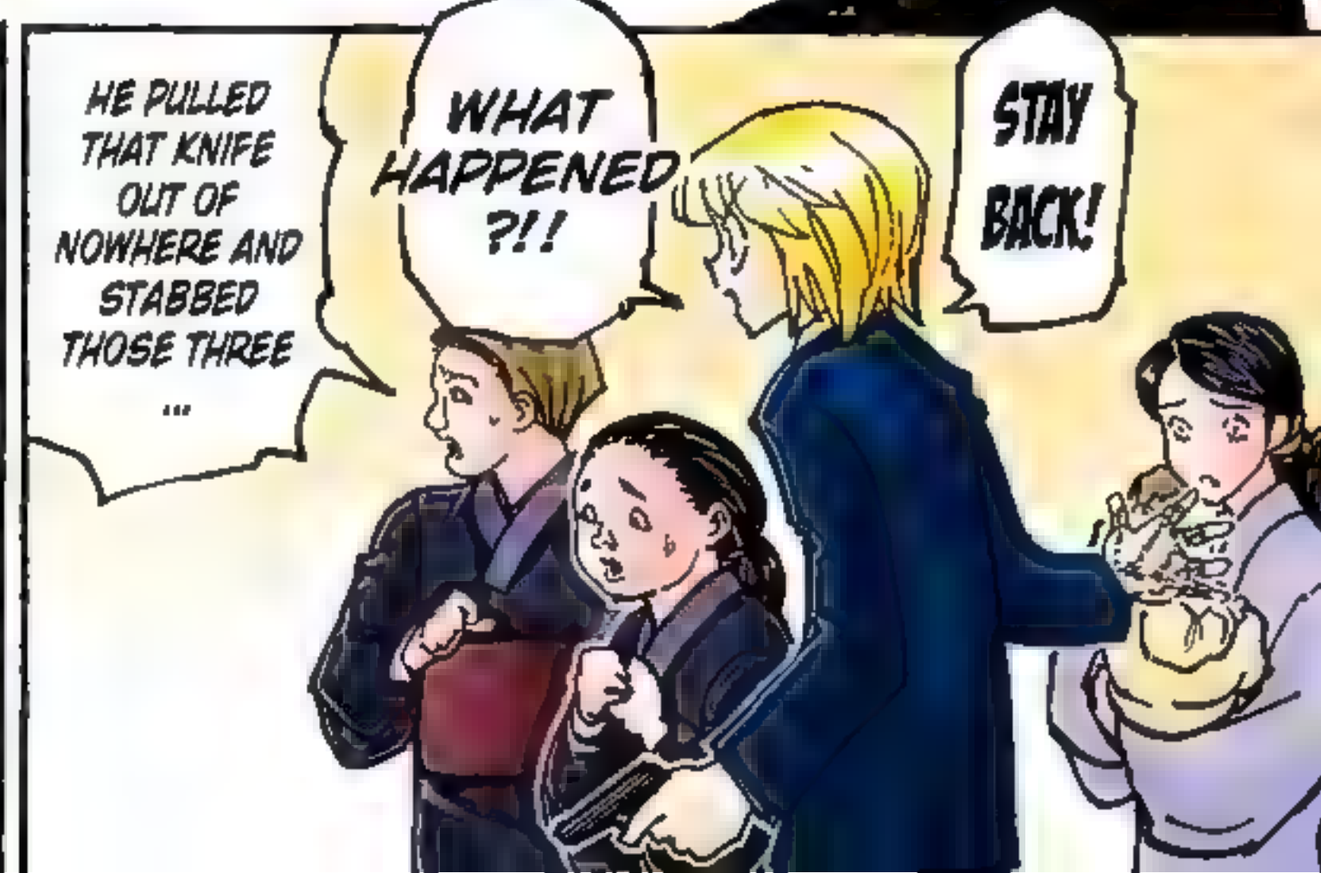
KYA AAAA AAAA AAAA AAAA AAAA AAA!!

URK...







I...

SO...

IT ASKED ME TO...

I...

I WAS FREE...

IT ASKED ME TO...

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BUT...

STOP !!!

I WILL SHOOT !!!

DON'T MOVE !!

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I'LL STOP HIM.

YOU CAN'T STOP A HUNTER WITH A .22 CALIBER PISTOL.

WAIT. I WANT HIM ALIVE.

LOOK AFTER THE QUEEN.

VOLUME 34: BATTLE TO THE DEATH: THE END.

WHAT I WANTED TO DO MOST WAS TO HAVE HIM KILL SOMEONE IN THE TROUPE. I KNEW HOW THE STORY WAS GOING TO WORK OUT, BUT I HADN'T DECIDED WHO HISOKA WOULD KILL AT THE END. HISOKA WANTED TO KILL MACHI! THEN AND THERE, BUT I VETOED IT.

TO LEAD INTO THE VOYAGE ARC, I NEEDED A MESSENGER TO DELIVER THE NEWS TO THE OTHER TROUPE MEMBERS. HE KILLED KORTOPI AND SHALNARK AS PART OF HIS POST-MORTEM ANALYSIS OF HIS PERFORMANCE IN THE FIGHT, AS WELL AS FOR REVENGE, AND I ALSO WANTED TO SHOW HOW SERIOUS HISOKA WAS THROUGH HIS COLD AND CALCULATING JUDGMENT IN REDUCING CHROLLO'S ROSTER OF ABILITIES...IS MY EXCUSE AFTER THE FACT. IT WAS MY HUNCH THAT LETTING MACHI STICK AROUND WOULD MAKE IT MORE INTERESTING LATER ON.

THIS CAME UP IN MY JOINT INTERVIEW WITH KISHIMOTO, BUT I HAVE A BLUEPRINT IN MY HEAD WHEN I'M WRITING THE STORY, MEANING I CAN PUT EVERYTHING INTO WORDS, AND UPON ACTUALLY THINKING THINGS THROUGH, I OFTEN COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT FOLLOWING THE BLUEPRINT IS INDEED THE INTERESTING PATH. BUT WHEN THE DISTANT FUTURE IS STILL MURKY, WHO YOU CHOOSE TO SAVE OR LET GO RELIES SOLELY ON INTUITION. I HOPE I DON'T COME TO REGRET IT...

CHROLLO VS HISOKA

COMMENTARY FROM TOGASHI

THERE WERE SEVERAL THINGS I WANTED TO DO WITH THIS BATTLE. FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE FIGHT ITSELE. I LOVE STORIES WHERE THE ENEMIES OF THE PROTAGONISTS FIGHT EACH OTHER. ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING ONES WAS WHEN TOSAMARU HIGH SCHOOL PLAYED BENKEI HIGH SCHOOL IN THE BASEBALL MANGA DOKABEN. I REALLY WANTED TO DO THAT KIND OF THING IN MY MANGA. I TOOK CARE TO LET BOTH OF THEM SHOW THEIR MANHOOD AND ALSO PORTRAY A CLEAR, DECISIVE OUTCOME~WHILE FUN, A TOUGHTHING TO DO. WAS HAVE SOMEONE SAY "I'LL WIN 100 PERCENT" AND THEN REALLY DO IT. THE GUY WHO SAYS SOMETHING LIKE THAT? GENERALLY LOSES. I REFERRED TO THE ATTITUDE ESPOUSED BY THE SWORDSMAN KOGAN IWAMOTO. SHIGURUI IS AWESOME!

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